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US troops killed in Syria suicide blast

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At least three U.S. servicemembers were killed in an Islamic State-claimed blast in the northern Syrian town of Manbij on Wednesday, defense officials said.

The officials also said an unspecified number of Americans were wounded in the attack. The attack took place near a coalition patrol, according to a defense official

speaking on condition of anonymity.

A spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition confirmed that U.S. troops were killed but did not state the number of casualties, branch of service or other details.

"U.S. service members were killed during an explosion while conducting a routine patrol in Syria today," said Army Col. Sean Ryan, a spokesman for the U.S.-led Operation Inherent Resolve, via email. "We are still gathering information and will share

additional details at a later time."

The troops were among more than a dozen casualties reported by Syrian and Kurdish outlets Wednesday afternoon, but Stars and Stripes could not independently confirm the death toll.

Some 2,000 U.S. troops are deployed to the country to fight ISIS. The attack comes as the U.S. has begun the process of withdrawing its troops from the country, which President Donald Trump ordered last

month, surprising U.S. officials and allies and prompting Defense Secretary Jim Mattis to resign.

Trump has been "fully briefed" on the Manbij attack and officials will continue to monitor the situation, the White House said in a statement, according to The Washington Post.

ISIS said via its Amaq news agency

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RIISING POWER

Despite advanced weaponry, China remains 'a long way' from US military, DIA report finds

By COREY DICKSTEIN
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WASHINGTON
China in recent years has poured billions of dollars into developing advanced weapons, some of which outclass U.S. weapons, but with an inexperienced military it remains years away from challenging American security interests globally, the Pentagon's intelligence agency concluded in a report released Tuesday.

China has spent increasingly more money each year for more than a decade — including some \$200 billion in 2018 — to modernize its weaponry and professionalize its People's Liberation Army, which has roughly 2 million troops, Defense Intelligence Agency officials determined in the report, "China Military Power." U.S. defense officials wrote China is building its force to ensure its regional prowess and work toward its No. 1 goal — the reunification of mainland China and Taiwan.

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MILITARY

Lt. Gen. Garrett nominated to lead FORSCOM

By CLAUDIA GRISALES
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WASHINGTON — Lt. Gen. Michael X. Garrett, who leads U.S. Army Central at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina, has been nominated to take charge of U.S. Army Forces Command, a congressional staffer confirmed Tuesday.

Garrett was recently listed as one of the next military officials in line for promotion to become a four-star Army general, according to congressional records. His nomination was received by the Senate on Jan. 9.

Garrett could be considered for the job by the Senate Armed Services Committee in the coming weeks, the staffer said on the condition of anonymity.

Army Forces Command, or FORSCOM, is the largest organization in the Army, and is responsible for ensuring combat soldiers are trained and prepared to deploy. It's headquartered at Fort Bragg, N.C., and includes more than 750,000 Army, reserve and National Guard soldiers.

A key focus for Garrett has been readiness.

"Every single soldier in this brigade is going to understand why we as a nation continue to invest our treasure and our blood in this part of the world," Garrett told soldiers during a June 2018 visit to Camp Arifjan in Kuwait. "Readiness ... remains our number one priority."

Garrett is originally from Cleveland and a graduate of Xavier University in Cincinnati, according to his Army biography. He was commissioned as an infantry officer following his graduation in 1984.

In a 2010 profile for Xavier Magazine, Garrett said he was the first member of his family to graduate from college. His father, Edward, left school at the age of 16 and eventually reached the rank of command sergeant major in the Army. His dream was for his only son to graduate from college, Garrett told the magazine.

After graduating high school in Germa-



Garrett

ny, he followed his sister to Xavier.

His previous assignments include chief of staff of U.S. Central Command and commanding general of U.S. Army Alaska, according to the Army.

Garrett has served in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He previously commanded units including the 3rd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg and the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Alaska.

He was named to lead U.S. Army Central in 2015.

"I am humbled and honored to join your ranks and consider myself fortunate to be a member of this historic team," Garrett said at the time. "I will give you my best effort every day and only ask the same of you in return."

If Garrett is successful in gaining confirmation for the post, he would replace FORSCOM's acting commander, Lt. Gen. Laura J. Richardson.

Richardson was put at the helm in October 2018 when the previous FORSCOM commander relinquished command to

take his new job as the top military official in Korea. Richardson, who was the first woman to temporarily fill the role, took over for Gen. Robert B. Abrams.

Abrams was confirmed in October for several new roles as commander of U.S. Forces Korea, United Nations Command and Combined Forces Command in Korea.

Abrams had led U.S. Army Forces Command since August 2015 before he was nominated last year to his new posts.

Abrams was well known in the Army for his use of Twitter to interact with soldiers on a range of issues.

FORSCOM and Army officials declined to confirm Garrett's nomination to lead FORSCOM.

"Lt. Gen. Richardson presently is serving as the acting commanding general and deputy commanding general of U.S. Army Forces Command," said Paul Boyce, FORSCOM spokesman. "We'll make an announcement when there are any changes in our leadership."

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Junior officer pleads guilty to assaulting woman

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WIESBADEN, Germany — A Lieutenant National Guard first lieutenant pleaded guilty to assaulting a German ex-girlfriend and was sentenced by a military judge to 60 days confinement on Wednesday.

First Lt. Nicholas M. Roberts, who was serving as a U.S. Army Europe battle captain at the time of the assault in October 2017,

apologized during a court-martial at Clay Kaserne in Wiesbaden.

"She is someone I cared for and I was never raised to touch a woman," he said. "I am supposed to set an example as an officer, and I failed to do that."

Roberts admitted during the proceedings to pushing the woman during an argument. Roberts said the woman tripped on a rug and fell into a wall face-first after he pushed her. He was under the influence of alcohol at

the time, he said.

More than 190 pages of WhatsApp messages and text messages were presented as evidence of a volatile relationship. The prosecution argued they were proof of an abusive relationship between two broken people.

The prosecution said Roberts had a prior history of threatening behavior, citing a 911 call by another former girlfriend in Georgia in 2016 in which the woman said Roberts had turned off the

power in her home and was possibly armed.

In telephone testimony, however, the ex-girlfriend in Georgia, who Roberts married after the 2017 assault, denied the accuracy of a police record of the incident.

The prosecution read a victim impact statement in which the woman said the 2017 assault was sparked by Roberts' jealousy. He was drunk and became angry when she got a text message.

When the woman admitted

to get her phone back, Roberts pushed her into the wall, knocking her out, she said. She was later diagnosed with a concussion and related head trauma, a Wiesbaden medical official testified.

The assault made her fearful of Roberts.

In addition to 60 days confinement, military judge Col. Christopher Fredrikson ordered forfeiture of \$2,000 in pay.

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2 1st Cavalry Division soldiers die in incidents

By CHAD GARLAND
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Two 1st Cavalry Division soldiers died and three were injured this week in separate vehicle-related accidents in Germany and California, officials said Tuesday.

In the first incident, Spc. Andrew S. Ortega, a horizontal construction engineer with the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, was killed Sunday while deployed to Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, as part of Operation Atlantic Resolve.

On Monday evening, an unidentified second soldier with the Fort Hood, Texas-based division was killed in a rollover accident in an M2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle during an exercise at the National Training Center on Fort Irwin, Calif.

Three others were injured.

All four were with 1st Cav's 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, Ken Drylie, a Fort Irwin spokesman, said in a news release.

One injured soldier was medevaced to Loma Linda University Medical Center in Loma Linda, Calif., and the other two were taken to Fort Irwin's Weed Army Community Hospital, the news release said.

Both incidents are under investigation. Ortega, 32, joined the Army in September 2016 and arrived at Fort Hood in March 2017, U.S. Army Europe said in a news release.

The soldier, whose home of record is Hernandez, N.M., was on his first rotation to Europe in support of Atlantic Resolve, the U.S. mission to bolster NATO's eastern flank. His awards and decorations include

the Army Service Ribbon and the National Defense Service Medal.

Col. Wilson R. Rutherford IV, commander of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, expressed his condolences in the USAREUR statement, saying Ortega's service and dedication to the brigade's mission "are displays of his true character and professionalism."

"Andrew is a true American hero who served his country honorably and made many sacrifices in support of our mission," Rutherford said. "The Ironhorse soldiers are deeply saddened by our loss."

On Facebook, Ortega's wife had asked for prayers Sunday, saying her husband was in the hospital and she was hoping he would make a recovery. About 16 hours later, she posted that he was gone.

On Tuesday, Kanora Ortega said she was struggling to understand her husband's death, which comes just two weeks before he was scheduled to rotate home and about two months before his 33rd birthday.

"He was so excited to come home to me. As well as his family. We were only married 9 months," she wrote. "I was hoping for an amazing homecoming and now I don't get to experience it. We planned so much when he returned."

They had planned to start a family, "redo" the holidays he had missed, see New York Yankees and Seattle Seahawks games and later to own a house "to come home to together," she said.

"I wish we had more time," she said.

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Green Berets participate in parachute drills with Japanese paratroopers

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Special Forces soldiers recently joined elite servicemembers from Japan's 1st Airborne Brigade for parachute drills that simulated defending remote Japanese islands.

The Japan Ground Self-Defense Force hosted the exercise Sunday at Narashino Training Area in Chiba prefecture, showcasing for the public its ability in joint air and land operations.

Japanese Defense Minister Takeshi Iwaya attended the drill, along with about 10,000 spectators. This is the third year the U.S. Army has participated.

About 70 Green Berets stationed on Okinawa and in Alaska participated in this year's event, jumping 5,500 feet from JGSDF helicopters, while the Japanese paratroopers jumped from Kawasaki C-2 transport aircraft.

"It was a huge honor for the team and I to participate in this drill with the Japanese," said Capt. Neil Kanneberg, 1st Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group, deputy commander for nine jumpers at the event. "There were stands full of civilians watching

us, and my team has never experienced jumping next to a crowd that large."

Iwaya told reporters after the exercise he believes the joint drill builds stronger relationships between the two countries. Kanneberg agreed.

"The strength of our organization is in the partnership and friendships we are able to make with our allies," he said. "Our bread and butter are the relationships and knowledge we are able to make and share with our partners."

Once on the ground, the nations' forces gathered for a ceremony in which they pinned their respective services' airborne wings on one another's uniforms.

"It was all smiles," Kanneberg said. "It was a grand experience, and I enjoyed hanging out with everyone."

Japanese servicemembers also exhibited vehicles and aircraft and demonstrated martial arts for the public during the drill.

"I believe that this practice shows how closely the defense forces work together [for] our people," Iwaya said.

The territorial Senkaku islands in the East China Sea have long been a point of contention between Japan and China. The



Photos courtesy of Hideo Sasagawa

Paratroopers jump from a Kawasaki C-2 heavy transport aircraft during a drill at Narashino Training Area in Chiba prefecture, Japan, on Sunday.

uninhabited island chain between Okinawa and Taiwan is claimed by Japan, Taiwan and China, which refers to them as Diaoyu.

The United States has long declined to take a position on the islands' sovereignty. However, Presidents Barack Obama and Donald Trump have both declared the Senkaku will be protected under the U.S.-Japan security alliance.

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Members of the U.S. Army and Japan Ground Self-Defense Force participate in a drill at Narashino Training Area.

Local officials' protests don't stop parachute training over Yokota

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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Parachute training at the home of U.S. Forces Japan in western Tokyo carried on this week despite objections from local government officials, a Tokyo newspaper said.

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government, five cities and one town asked the Air Force to suspend the training over Yokota after jumpers twice — on Jan. 8 and 9

— cut away their main parachutes and used reserves to land on base, according to a Tuesday report in the Tokyo Shimbun newspaper.

The officials cited an unaccounted-for bag from a reserve chute that may have fallen outside the installation as the reason for their concern, the report said.

"One wrong move could have led to a serious accident that could involve people's lives," municipal officials told U.S. Forces Japan and the Japanese government,

according to the newspaper.

The 374th Airlift Wing did not respond to emailed questions from Stars and Stripes about the training.

Tokyo Shimbun reported, without citing a source, that about 200 servicemembers would take part in this week's training.

A similar incident occurred in April, when the Air Force suspended parachute training over Yokota for several days after a jumper cut away the main para-

chute and descended safely on the reserve. The bag holding the reserve fell away and landed on a high school tennis court in the nearby city of Hamura.

No injuries or damage at the school were reported at the time.

In the April incident, the Air Force said the aircrew and parachutist had followed protocol and safety procedures. The wing training officer visited the school and Hamura City Hall and apologized.

Last week, USFJ commander Lt. Gen. Jerry Martinez stressed to reporters in Tokyo that U.S. servicemembers in the Far East must continue to train hard, including at night and in bad weather, to deter regional adversaries.

Martinez, who's nearing the end of a more than two-year stint in the role, made the remarks Jan. 9 while speaking about safety, readiness and other topics at the Japan National Press Club.

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MILITARY

Japanese families get rare glimpse of MCAS Iwakuni

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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI, Japan — Marines and sailors aboard MCAS Iwakuni have for the first time hosted Japanese schoolchildren and their parents during a community relations tour of the air station in southwestern Japan.

The base has undergone massive reconstruction in the past decade that's included an expanded presence, heavy-lift runway, hangars, barracks, base housing, a commissary and Marine Corps Exchange and headquarters buildings for Marine Aircraft Group 12 and the Navy's Carrier Air Wing 5. In total, more than 70 percent of the base was rebuilt — a process that is ongoing.

Carrier Air Wing 5, which supports the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan, finished moving its fixed-wing operations to

Iwakuni from Naval Air Station Atsugi last year. The move has tripled the size of the base to nearly 15,000 servicemembers, dependents and civilian workers.

All that construction has given the base, which pre-dates World War II, a shiny new look that many locals rarely get to see. Even during the popular, annual Friendship Day air show — one of the largest in the Pacific — most of the installation is off limits.

Yuki Kawaguchi, 10, said his favorite part of the tour was getting to see the fighter jets, which locals can hear taking off and landing but rarely get to see up close.

"I was excited to be able to come on base," Yuki's father, Yasuo, said through an interpreter. "Regular citizens cannot usually come on the base."

He added that the base looked brand new except for the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force



JAMES BOLINGER/Stars and Stripes

Japanese schoolchildren and their parents tour the new commissary at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, on Monday as part of a community relations tour of the installation.

buildings which, along with the base headquarters, are among the oldest on the installation.

"This tour was intended to show a bit of everything on base. We showed the kids and their parents some things that we do on the operations side, what our family housing looks like, as well as a tour inside the commissary so they can see what a typical American grocery store looks like," John Zambrano, the director of Government and External Affairs and tour organizer, told Stars and Stripes in an email

Wednesday.

The Marine Corps also sees benefits from such events, Zambrano said.

"Tours like these show the base for what it is: a place where both Japanese and American professionals partner in direct support of the alliance," he said. "This tour highlights what we do — focusing on military readiness as well as our efforts to be good, respectful neighbors."

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Leaky seal blamed in jet's landing

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A leaking seal prompted an Air Force F-16D Fighting Falcon to make a precautionary landing at a Japanese regional airport Monday, according to a 35th Fighter Wing spokeswoman.

The jet, which is assigned to Misawa Air Base in northern Japan, diverted to Aomori Airport, Air Force Staff Sgt. Brittany Chase, media operations noncommissioned officer in charge for the 35th Fighter Wing, said in an email Wednesday.

Residents near the airport were reportedly alarmed by the unscheduled landing, although there were no injuries or disruptions to other flights, Japanese officials said.

The F-16D pilot followed proper procedures and landed without incident, Chase said.

A team from the 35th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron later discovered the "root cause" of the mechanical issue to be a leaking seal, she said.

Her message did not specify which seal on the aircraft experienced the problem.

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PACIFIC

US, South Korea discuss incentives for nuke deal

By KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — The United States and South Korea are discussing incentives for the North to give up its nuclear weapons, South Korea's top diplomat said Wednesday.

The comments came as Washington and Pyongyang are reportedly stepping up preparations for a second summit, which would suggest a possible breakthrough in the impasse in nuclear talks.

Kim Yong Chol, North Korea's main nuclear negotiator, will travel to the United States for talks with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Friday, CNN reported, quoting two U.S. sources familiar with the negotiations.

China's Foreign Ministry confirmed that Kim will transit through Beijing. South Korea's Yonhap News Agency said he and two other North Korean officials were booked on a United Airlines flight Thursday from Beijing to Washington.

The State Department said it had no meetings to announce.

The adversaries have been deadlocked over how to move forward after President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un agreed to the general principle of denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula during their first meeting on June 12 in Singapore.

The Trump administration insists it will maintain economic sanctions against the North until "final, fully verified denuclearization" is achieved. But Pyongyang wants a reciprocal approach that would include rewards for steps already taken, including a moratorium on nuclear and missile testing.

South Korea has been thrust in the role of mediator as it tries to keep the sides at the table and prevent a new spike in tensions.

South Korean Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha said she expects nuclear talks to pick up speed.

"South Korea has been consulting closely with the United States about which kinds of denuclearization measures should be followed and which corresponding measures that Washington can take,"

Kang told reporters in Seoul.

She mentioned a formal end to the 1950-53 Korean War, which concluded with an armistice instead of a peace treaty, as well as humanitarian support or permanent communication channels as possible incentives.

Kang also said the South would not independently resume inter-Korean projects at a North Korean mountain resort or a joint industrial park, although those also could be among the "corresponding measures" discussed.

Pompeo had been due to hold talks with his North Korean counterpart in the United States in November, but that meeting was canceled.

Hopes for a new round of diplomacy were raised when North Korea's leader said in his New Year's Day address that he was willing to meet with Trump "at any time." But Kim Jong Un also warned the communist state may be forced to seek "a new way" if Washington continues to press with economic sanctions aimed at punishing the regime for its nuclear weapons development.



Courtesy of the State Department

Kim Yong Chol, the main nuclear negotiator for North Korea, meets with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in New York City on May 31. He is reportedly planning to travel to the U.S. for more talks Friday.

Trump said later that he would be setting up a meeting with Kim "in the not-too-distant future" to restart talks about the North's nuclear programs.

Kim Jong Un also said he would be looking to "achieve results" in any talks with Trump when he traveled to China for his fourth summit with President Xi Jinping.

The diplomatic surge that began last year has eased tensions on the divided peninsula after months of missile and nuclear tests and threats of war by both Kim and Trump.

The rapprochement will face another test in the spring when South Korea and the U.S. usually conduct annual joint war games

known as Key Resolve and Foal Eagle.

Several military exercises have been canceled or scaled back after Trump announced he was suspending them while negotiations with the North were underway.

North Korea hates the drills, which it considers a rehearsal for an invasion.

Last year, then-Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said Seoul and Washington would scale back the spring exercises to facilitate diplomacy, although he didn't provide details.

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Power: Official says China 'on leading edge' of some technology

FROM FRONT PAGE

The report is the DIA's first unclassified, comprehensive assessment of the Chinese military.

What alarms DIA officials is the increasing confidence China's military has displayed in its own abilities in recent years and whether that could signal the country is inching toward striking or invading Taiwan, a senior defense intelligence official said Tuesday ahead of the report's release.

"The biggest concern is that they are going to get to a point where the (Chinese military) leadership may actually tell (Chinese President) Xi Jinping that they are confident in their capabilities," the official said on condition of anonymity. "We know in the past that they have ... considered themselves a developing, weaker power. ... As these technologies mature, as their reorganization of their military comes into effect, as they become more proficient with these capabilities, our concern is we'll reach a point where internally, within their decision-making, they will decide that using military force for a regional conflict is something that is more imminent."

Top American defense officials have long viewed China's military as a rising power that eventually seeks parity with the U.S. military force, leading the Pentagon to list it — alongside Russia — as the top potential security threat in its latest National Defense Strategy released last year. The growing military might of China is expected to be the primary focus for acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan, who defense officials said has repeatedly raised China as a topic in closed-door meetings in the Pentagon since he took the Defense Department's reins Jan. 1.

On Tuesday, just as the DIA report was released, a top Chinese military official warned Adm. John Richardson, the U.S. Navy's top officer, that the United States should not support an independent Taiwan, according to the South China Morning Post newspaper.

"If anyone wants to separate Taiwan from China, the Chinese military will safeguard the national unity at all costs, so as to protect China's sovereignty and territorial integrity," Gen. Li Zuocheng, the PLA's chief of the Joint Staff Department, told Richardson during a meeting in Beijing, according to the newspaper.

Though China's primary focus remains on defending its homeland and increasing its regional power, it has worked to establish military relationships with countries across the world, including building its first base outside of China in Djibouti on the Horn of Africa in 2017. It might seek such relationships elsewhere in the coming years, the DIA report states.

"As it continues to grow in strength and confidence, (U.S.) leaders will face a China insistent on having a greater voice in global interactions, which at times may be antithetical to U.S. interests," it reads.

While DIA is most concerned about an eventual military action against Taiwan, in the near future its primary concerns rest in the South and East China seas, where the Chinese military has built up and militarized artificial islands in areas claimed by China and other nations.

American officials have routinely scolded China's militarization of the Spratly and Parcel islands, which China claims outright, and tensions have grown in recent years as the United States regularly sails



ANDREW HARRIN/AP

A member of the Chinese military marches before the welcoming ceremony for President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing in 2017. A new defense intelligence assessment lays out U.S. concerns about China's growing military might, underscoring worries that Beijing could decide it has the ability to attack Taiwan and win.

Navy Surface Forces focus on fight for power

By CAITLIN M. KENNEY
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ARLINGTON, Va. — The competition for power from China and Russia is pushing the U.S. Navy's Surface Forces to focus on performance and winning the challenges that face the U.S.

Today's strategic environment and how it is shaping the Navy's tactics and shipbuilding are similar to that of the Cold War between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, said Vice Adm. Richard Brown, commander of Naval Surface Forces/Naval Surface Force U.S. Pacific Fleet.

"The lesson we learned from the Cold War was that we had to be ready to fight now," he said Tuesday during a speech at the Surface Navy Association's 31st National Symposium in Arlington, Va. Yet today's fight for power "could be an even sterner test than the Cold War," he said.

To meet this challenge, the Navy's sur-

face forces must pivot toward a culture of excellence, not compliance, according to Brown, to be "the best of the best."

"Compliance is important; don't get me wrong. It's what's needed to build a culture of excellence. It's the foundation. But compliance is about inspections," he said. "Excellence is about superior performance and winning."

Excellence also demands urgency, he said, and that can be seen in several strategies, including the 2018 Defense Department's National Defense Strategy.

It names China and Russia as long-term strategic competitors, pointing out China's use of "predatory economics to intimidate its neighbors while militarizing features in the South China Sea," and Russia's violations of nearby borders as well as their use of "veto power over the economic, diplomatic, and security deci-

sions of its neighbors."

"The common theme in all these strategies is that they are maritime strategies ... that call for sea control whenever and wherever we need it," Brown said. "Requiring our Surface Navy to deter but, if required, fight and win the battle for sea control now in an age of great-power competition."

Brown listed some of the priorities that will be necessary to be ready, including unmanned surface vessels, integrated combat systems and full integration of the F-35B into the fleet.

Brown also called on commanding officers "to seize the initiative, and to be confident, sensible risk-takers, because winning in combat demands it."

The symposium continues through Thursday.

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warships through the region on freedom-of-navigation operations.

Those operations are seen as provocative by China. Such interactions carry the potential for miscalculation, the senior defense intelligence official said.

"Now that (China) has built out this infrastructure down there, they're able to be present in a more persistent manner than they might have been before if they had to come all the way down from the mainland ... to get into some conflict with a regional claimant or with the U.S.," the official said. "And so the danger comes from them being

present in more places at more times, and you always have to worry about potential for miscalculation, although I think we've seen, over the past several years, there have been close interactions between U.S. naval forces and the Chinese forces."

On the technology front, the DIA is concerned about advances the Chinese have made in modern weaponry including the unmatched anti-satellite capabilities that it has demonstrated recently and the development of directed-energy weapons and hypersonic weapons, which can travel at least five times the speed of sound.

They are "on the leading edge of technology in that area," the official said.

China has also outpaced competitors in its ballistic missiles systems, creating more precise systems to carry conventional or nuclear weapons than others including the United States and Russia, largely because those nations were bound by treaty obligations that China was not, according to the DIA assessment.

The official called such advancements "concerning," but concluded the Chinese military as a whole remained "a long way" from being in a position to truly challenge the U.S. military.

"I think in a lot of ways, they have a lot that they need to do," the official said. "The challenge, of course, is for measuring against a globally active U.S. military that has many different missions and many different tasks, so I think there's a very long way for the PLA to reach that level."

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Blast: ISIS claims attack is its work

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that the attack was carried out by one of its members wearing an explosives-laden vest.

The blast occurred near a restaurant where coalition forces were said to be meeting with members of the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces, which has controlled the town since U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces, or SDF, took it from Islamic State in 2016.

The council's spokesman, Sherwan Derwish, confirmed the blast on Twitter.

"Terror hits the safe city of Manbij," Derwish wrote. "An explosion in Manbij's busy market [street], initial reports of casualties."

The city is located near Syrian government forces backed by Russia and anti-regime fighters backed by Turkey.

Footage shared by BBC producer Riam Dalati showed a helicopter taking off from a soccer field near the site after the blast. It's unclear whether it was a U.S.-operated helicopter, as Dalati claimed on Twitter, or one operated by an ally.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which uses a network of on-the-ground sources, reported that helicopters had transported one dead and one seriously wounded coalition servicemember east toward Iraq. At least five members of the local militia and nine civilians also were killed, the Observatory said, and 10 more were wounded, with the toll expected to rise.

Video from a security camera near the blast, shared widely on Twitter, shows a crowd of people gathered when a ball of flame erupts, knocking down bystanders. A child then runs out from the smoke.

A local man who had eaten regularly at the restaurant confirmed that the video was taken in Manbij, said Elizabeth Tsurkov, a research fellow specializing in Syria at the Forum for Regional Thinking, an Israeli think tank.

"The owner of (the) bombed restaurant fled ISIS (and)



Source: AP Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

opened a restaurant in Gaziantep, (Turkey)," she said, citing her local source. The man had returned to Manbij after it was captured by the SDF.

A post-blast video also shared on social media shows windows blown out and a section of wall covered in what appeared to be blood.

A source told Hawar, a Kurdish news agency based in Syria, that four U.S. soldiers were taken away by medevac helicopter, including two who had been killed. One local militia member was also killed.

U.S. troops deployed to the country are training and advising local partner forces battling ISIS. Over the past four years, U.S.-backed forces have helped oust the terrorist group from nearly all of the territory it once held in the two countries and are now helping fight the group in its last refuge along the Syria-Iraq border.

Wednesday's attack comes days after the U.S. said it had begun the process of withdrawing troops from Syria, a move Trump initially appeared to want to take place rapidly, but has since said will be carried out more gradually.

Critics had complained about the timing of the withdrawal and that it amounted to abandonment of the U.S.' Kurdish partners, who have suffered thousands of casualties battling extremists, but who Turkey views as terrorists and has vowed to attack.

Hours after the attack, Vice President Mike Pence told diplomats during a speech that the ISIS caliphate "has crumbled and ISIS has been defeated."

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Violence not uncommon in Manbij

By COREY DICKSTEIN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Manbij, the small northern city in Syria where at least three American servicemembers were killed Wednesday, has long been a hotpot of violence and a source of tensions between the United States and its NATO ally Turkey.

Manbij is just 20 miles south of the Turkish border. It has been held by the Kurdish-dominated Syrian Democratic Forces since mid-2016, when they expelled Islamic State militants from the city with the help of the American military. But even since the terrorist group was defeated there, Manbij has proven the deadliest location for American troops in Syria, where as of Wednesday at least four U.S. servicemembers have been killed.

In addition to the Wednesday bombing, which was claimed by ISIS and killed the American troops and an untold number of others reportedly at a local restaurant, one of two other U.S. servicemembers killed in action in Syria since the United States began operations there in 2014 died in Manbij last year.

Army Master Sgt. Jonathan J. Dunbar, a Delta Force operator, was killed alongside a British commando on March 29, 2018, in an improvised bomb blast, also claimed by ISIS, during a mission to capture or kill a high-value target in the area. Five other U.S. servicemembers were injured in that attack, Pentagon officials said at the time.

Pentagon officials, who declined to release specific details about the bombing, said they could not immediately confirm the ISIS claim that the group orchestrated the attack.

Several hundred of the roughly 2,000 American troops operating in Syria, who have all remained in that country to date since President Donald Trump unexpectedly ordered their withdrawal last month, have operated in the area of Manbij since the assault to take it back from ISIS began in spring 2016. U.S. officials regard the city as strategic for its location — they have set up several bases around the city, including locations to train local security forces — and because they consider it a model of how local Syrians can govern themselves.

After the city's fall to ISIS, the U.S. and Syrian Democratic Forces installed a local group to govern the mostly Arab city, the Manbij Military Council, which has taken responsibility for the security of the area.

But even before the offensive to reclaim Manbij from ISIS was launched, Turkey has strongly opposed the presence of U.S.-backed Kurds. The Turks consider the SDF's primary source of fighters, the People's Protections Units, or YPG, an extension of the Kurdistan Worker's Party, a terrorist organization.

Turkey, and Syrian rebel groups backed by them, have long warned they would eliminate any Kurdish elements operating around Manbij even if they were supported by the United States. That has prompted the U.S. throughout much of the last two years to conduct over patrols around Manbij, in which U.S. troops drive armored vehicles with American flags displayed.

Those patrols were largely successful, a U.S. defense official said Wednesday. Despite occasional skirmishes and exchanges of fire between Kurdish fighters and Turkish-backed fighters in the area, the American presence kept violence from escalating.

Last November, the United States and Turkey began joint

patrols around Manbij. Those operations were designed to calm tensions between the NATO allies as part of a road map established between the two nations and ensure stability around the city, U.S. and Turkish officials have said.

More recently, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and President Donald Trump have discussed establishing "security zones" spanning 20 miles into Syria from Turkey's border, which would reach Manbij.

It remains unclear how long American troops would remain in Manbij and Syria overall. Trump initially wanted all American troops removed from the country within 30 days, officials have said, which prompted former Defense Secretary Jim Mattis' resignation last month.

Charles Lister, a senior fellow at the Washington-based think tank the Middle East Institute, predicted via Twitter that the deaths could speed up Trump's pullout. Trump declared ISIS defeated last month, even as fighting has continued in Syria.

"ISIS is now 'demonstrably' not defeated," Lister tweeted Wednesday of the Manbij attack. "But Trump's gut says 'get the hell out...'"

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NATION

Trump advisers: Shutdown hurting economy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Shutdown pressure on President Donald Trump mounted Wednesday as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called on him to delay his State of the Union address and his own economists acknowledged the prolonged standoff was having a greater economic drag than previously thought.

In a letter to Trump, Pelosi cited security concerns, noting that both the Secret Service and the Homeland Security Department are affected by the partial government shutdown, now, it's fourth week. She added that unless the government reopens this week, they should find another date — it's now Jan. 29 — or Trump should deliver the address in writing.

The White House does not immediately respond to the high-sec move on the 26th day of the shutdown, as Trump and Democrats are at an impasse over Trump's demands for \$5.7 billion to build a wall along the Mexican border.

Pelosi is refusing money for the wall she sees as ineffective and immoral. Democrats say they will discuss border security once the government has reopened.

Seven Democratic lawmakers went to the White House on Wednesday to ask Trump to agree to re-open the government while talks continue over his push for border money, a request the president has heard before and rejected. The White House has been trying to peel lawmakers away from Pelosi but Trump's invitation to Democrats declined. But the seven, mostly freshmen, come from areas where Trump remains popular. Several did not back Pelosi as speaker.

Separately, Sens. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Chris Coons of Delaware were organizing a bipartisan letter asking Trump to reconsider his rejection of the idea of reopening the government for three weeks to allow time for negotiations on border security.

The letter, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, states that the senators will make their best efforts to have "Congress develop and vote on a bipartisan agreement that addresses your request" for border aid. This week, they are organizing legislation reopening the government for those weeks.

Even as administration officials projected confidence in their course, Trump's economists indicated the shutdown was having a greater impact than previously predicted.

Kevin Hassett, chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, said Tuesday the shutdown is slowing growth more than predicted.

An economic shift could rattle Trump, who has tied his political fortunes to the stock market and repeatedly stressed economic gains as evidence that his tax-cut package and deregulation efforts are succeeding. Economic optimism had already cooled somewhat as Trump's trade fight with

USAA gives \$15M to Coast Guard families

By ROSE L. THAYER
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Stars and Stripes

In a letter recognizing the anxiety among Coast Guard members who missed a paycheck Tuesday because of the partial federal government shutdown, Adm. Karl L. Schultz announced a \$15 million donation to support servicemembers.

The donation to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, a nonprofit that aids members of the Coast Guard, from USAA, a financial services and insurance company, will help the military and civilian workforce in need, said Schultz, commandant of the Coast Guard.

"I am grateful for the outpouring of support across the country, particularly in local communities, for our men and women," Schultz wrote Tuesday in a letter posted to Twitter. "It is a direct reflection of the American public's sentiment towards their United States Coast Guard; they recognize the sacrifice that you and your family make in service to your country. It is also not lost on me that our dedicated civilians are already adjusting to a missed paycheck — we are confronting this challenge together."

The donated funds will disburse as interest-free loans to Coast Guard personnel with the assistance of the American Red Cross, according to a news release from USAA. Coast Guard servicemembers with dependents are eligible for interest-free loans up to \$1,000, while servicemembers without dependents will be eligible for up to \$750.

The loan assistance is available to all Coast Guard servicemembers and designed to cover an estimated two weeks of financial shortfalls caused by a lack of pay,



JENNIFER MCDERMOTT/AP

U.S. Coast Guard spouse Rachel Malcolm gathers food for herself and her daughter Tuesday at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. The college fed active-duty Coast Guard members and families as the members work without pay during the partial government shutdown.

such as housing, essential utilities, food and child care expenses, the news release stated.

"This incredible gift makes a difference in the lives of Coast Guard men and women," said retired Rear Adm. Cari Thomas, CEO of the assistance program. "And it will position CGMA to respond during this time of uncertainty for those that rely on Coast Guard paychecks and pensions: active duty, reservists, civilian employees, retirees and annuitants."

About \$150 million is needed to pay all Coast Guard personnel, according to a news release from mutual assistance. The nonprofit had previously promised to provide assistance to all Coast Guard servicemembers at the rank of E-5 and below.

Calls for help started last week, Thomas said. They are working to expand those efforts to all members of the Coast Guard.

In his letter, Schultz said he believes this to be the first time in American history that servicemembers in a U.S. armed forces have not been paid during a lapse in government appropriations. He pledged he, senior leadership and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen will remain fully engaged and provide a steady flow of communication as the shutdown continues through a fourth week.

The shutdown began when Congress failed to pass a budget by Dec. 21 for certain departments, including Homeland Security. Other military branches are unaffected by the shutdown

because they are part of the Defense Department, which is fully funded through Sept. 30, the end of fiscal year 2019.

Across the country, communities have banded together to support Coast Guard members. On New York's Long Island, the Greater Huntington Council of Yacht and Boating Clubs established a gift card donation drive to help servicemembers buy groceries and gas. In Washington, several large veterans organizations gathered Tuesday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars headquarters to bring attention to the shutdown's effects on members of the Coast Guard as well as veterans who work in the federal government.

"Federal government employees missed their first paycheck last Friday. Today, more than 41,000 active-duty Coast Guardsmen missed theirs," said VFW National Commander B.J. Lawrence. "We do not want any member a second check, which is why the VFW calls upon the administration and Congress to reach an agreement."

Lawrence said the VFW had so far distributed more than \$45,000 in emergency grants to Coast Guard members and their families for their mortgages, utilities and food. The American Legion is also offering assistance through its Temporary Financial Assistance Program, in which the group gives up to \$1,500 one-time grants per household.

Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Association chapters are taking donations and organizing food banks, according to Jon Ostrowski, the group's leader.

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Administration calls back nearly 50,000 workers

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration on Tuesday said it has called back tens of thousands of federal workers to fulfill key government tasks, including dishwashing, tax refunds, overseeing flight safety and inspecting the nation's food and drug supply, as it seeks to blunt the impact of the longest government shutdown in U.S. history.

The nearly 50,000 furloughed federal employees are being brought back to work without pay — part of a group of about

800,000 federal workers who are not receiving paychecks during the shutdown, which is affecting dozens of federal agencies large and small.

The shutdown has begun seriously complicating the government's ability to perform duties on which millions of Americans depend, leading to decisions by the administration aimed at lessening such impacts.

The Internal Revenue Service plans to end furloughs for more than half of its workforce to prepare for tax-filing season, union officials said, meaning as many as 46,000 IRS employees

could be forced to go to work with no pay while the shutdown continues.

Up to 2,200 aviation safety inspectors with the Federal Aviation Administration are expected to be recalled by the end of the week, and 500 Food and Drug Administration workers have been recalled to work and will be unpaid until the shutdown ends, among others.

That has led to lawsuits from federal workers' unions arguing that unpaid work violates labor laws and the Constitution.

But a federal judge in Washington on Tuesday refused to

force the government to pay federal employees who have been working without compensation during the partial government shutdown.

U.S. District Judge Richard Leon said it would be "profoundly irresponsible" for him to issue an order that would result in thousands of federal employees staying home from work and not doing their jobs.

"At best it would create chaos and confusion," Leon said. "At worst it could be catastrophic. ... I'm not going to put people's lives at risk."

government to provide services, Hassett said.

While the hit to the overall economy so far remains slight, economists foresee real damage if the shutdown drags into February or beyond.

China shook the markets.

Hassett told reporters the White House is doubling its estimate of the strain on the economy of the shutdown, and now calculates that it is slowing growth by about 0.1 percentage points a week.

With the shutdown in its fourth week, that suggests the economy has lost nearly a half-percentage point of growth so far, though some of that occurred at the end of last year and some in the first quarter of this year. Hassett said

the economy should get a boost when the government re-opens.

Previous White House estimates of the impact did not fully take into account the effect on people who work for private companies that contract with the

NATION



JUANA SUMMERS/AP

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., holds a news conference outside a local diner in Troy, N.Y., on Wednesday, the day after she announced her exploratory committee for a White House run.

Gillibrand joins race for president

By JUANA SUMMERS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Democratic Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand took a major step toward announcing a 2020 presidential bid Tuesday, saying she is launching an exploratory committee for a White House run.

"It's an important first step, and it's one I am taking because I am going to run," the New York senator said on "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert." She listed a series of issues she'd tackle as president, including better health care for families, stronger public schools and more accessible job training.

Gillibrand, 52, has already made plans to campaign in Iowa over the weekend, more than a year before the leadoff caucus state votes.

She joins what is expected to be a crowded primary field for the Democratic nomination that could feature more than a dozen candidates. Already, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren has announced her own exploratory efforts, and decisions by a number of other senators are expected in the coming weeks.

Gillibrand, who was appointed to the Senate in

2009 to fill the seat vacated by Hillary Clinton, has been among the Senate's most vocal members on issues such as sexual harassment, military sexual assault, equal pay for women and family leave, issues that could be central to her presidential campaign.

"I'm going to fight for other people's kids as hard as I would fight for my own," said Gillibrand, a mother of two sons, ages 10 and 15. As she works to distinguish herself from likely rivals, Gillibrand will be able to draw from the more than \$10.5 million left over from her 2018 re-election campaign that she can use toward a presidential run.

Gillibrand pledged during her Senate campaign that she would serve out her six-year term if re-elected.

She will use Troy, N.Y., where she lives, as a home base for her presidential efforts.

Near the end of their interview, Colbert presented Gillibrand with a basket of campaign gifts, including an ear of yellow corn to wave in Iowa, a piece of granite from New Hampshire and a one-of-a-kind button that reads "I announced on the Late Show with Stephen Colbert."

FDA urged to update hemp product rules

By ANDREW SELSKY
Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. — Oregon's two senators Tuesday urged drug administration to update federal regulations to permit interstate commerce of food products containing a key nonpsychoactive ingredient of cannabis.

The appeal by Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley came after Congress legalized the production and sale of industrial hemp and hemp derivatives, including cannabidiols, known as CBD. Wyden and Merkley had been behind a hemp provision that Congress passed and was included in the 2018 Farm Bill.

But after President Donald Trump signed the bill in December, FDA Commissioner Scott

Gottlieb restated his agency's stance that CBD is a drug ingredient and therefore illegal to add to food or health products without his agency's approval. The FDA has sent warning letters to some companies making health claims for CBD.

In a letter to Gottlieb, the senators asked the FDA to update "outdated regulations" that prohibit food products containing CBD from being sold across state lines.

"Farmers in Oregon and nationwide are poised to make real economic gains for their communities once these regulations are updated," they wrote. They said it was Congress' intent in the bill to ensure producers and consumers have access to hemp-derived products, including CBDs. CBD oils are increasingly

popular in lotions, tinctures and foods. Proponents say CBD offers health benefits, including relieving pain and anxiety.

Scientists note there have been few comprehensive clinical studies on how CBD affects humans. Harvard Medical School said is the strongest scientific evidence is for its effectiveness in treating childhood epilepsy syndromes which typically don't respond to anti-seizure medications.

The FDA recently approved the first cannabidiol-derived medicine for those conditions which contains CBD.

Hemp looks like marijuana but contains less than 0.3 percent of THC, the compound that gives pot its high. Both hemp and marijuana are species of cannabis.

Senators consider former lobbyist as new EPA chief

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Acting Environmental Protection Agency chief Andrew Wheeler's past lobbying work for coal companies and other industries regulated by the agency is expected to draw scrutiny Wednesday when a Senate committee considers his nomination to the position.

Wheeler's roughly six-month tenure as the agency's acting administrator has been far more low-key than that of the man he replaced, Scott Pruitt. Pruitt's fondness for the perks of power and for alleged favors — from round-the-clock bodyguards to lavish travel to special deals on mattresses from the Trump International Hotel — generated constant headlines and helped lead to Pruitt's resignation as the agency's administrator in July.

In line with Trump's regulation-cutting ethos, the agency under Wheeler has moved forward on major rollbacks and pending rollbacks of Obama-era environmental measures: easing the mileage standards that cars and trucks will have to meet, relaxing measures on climate-changing carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants and removing millions of miles of wetlands and waterways from federal protections, among other changes.

Republican Sen. John Barrasso, of Wyoming, chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee that was to hear from Wheeler on Wednesday and question him, said earlier this month that Wheeler had done an "outstanding" job running the EPA.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and some energy trade groups are among the industries publicly supporting Wheeler's nomination.

"Wheeler has proven to be a steady hand, and has demonstrated effective leadership while

advancing regulatory reforms alongside continued strong environmental protections," Chamber of Commerce executives said in a statement.

But environmental groups say his lobbying work immediately before, for industries regulated by the EPA, should disqualify him outright.

"A coal lobbyist is unfit to run the EPA, period," said Matt

Gravatt, associate legislative director at the Sierra Club.

Wheeler worked at the Washington law and lobbying firm Faegre Baker Daniels from 2009 until April 2018, according to his filing with the Office of Government Ethics.

His lobbying clients included coal magnate Bob Murray, who pushed hard on the Trump administration to grant a series of breaks for the sagging domestic coal industry. Wheeler accompanied Murray to a March 2017 meeting to pitch then-new Energy Secretary Rick Perry on Murray's list of desired rule rollbacks and other breaks from the Trump administration for coal.

A watchdog group, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, filed an ethics complaint Tuesday with the EPA's Office of the Inspector General alleging that Wheeler's oversight of rollback proposals at EPA may have violated his government ethics pledge to abstain from regulatory decisions affecting his former lobbying client for at least two years.

The grandson of a coal miner, Wheeler worked for the EPA in the 1990s and later as a longtime staffer for Senate Republicans.

Former Navy commander to be on Armed Services Committee

Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — A newly elected congresswoman in Virginia's Hampton Roads region will sit on the U.S. House Armed Services Committee.

The office for Democrat Elaine Luria announced the appointment Tuesday.

The former U.S. Navy commander represents Virginia's 2nd Congressional District along the state's coast. It is home to the

world's largest Navy base, in Norfolk, and various other military installations in Virginia Beach and other cities.

The committee oversees defense policy and military personnel, among other issues.

Luria graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and spent 20 years in the Navy.

Last fall, Luria defeated Republican Congressman Scott Taylor, a former Navy SEAL. He held the seat for one term.

NATION

Some charter school teachers join strike in LA

BY CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles school administrators urged the union to resume bargaining as tens of thousands of teachers planned to walk picket lines for a third day Wednesday after being joined on strike for the first time by some of their counterparts from independent charter schools.

“We need our educators back in our classrooms helping inspire our students,” said Unified School District Superintendent Austin Beutner. Teachers are pressing for higher pay, smaller class sizes and more support staff that school officials say could bankrupt the public school educators.

Teachers with the independent Accelerated Schools charter network — who are also union members but negotiate their contract separately — walked off the job Tuesday to demand better working conditions and in support for public school educators.

Los Angeles is experiencing the same tension over charter schools seen in other states, with critics arguing the privately run public

schools hurt district finances by drawing away students and the money that goes with them. Union President Alex Caputo-Pearl has called the funds flowing to charters an “existential threat.”

But Caputo-Pearl said the union isn’t against all charters, just their “unregulated growth.”

“We don’t need to have the grow-as-fast-as-you-can business model that’s promoted by charter school billionaires,” he said. “We need to invest in our existing schools.”

Beutner has said he envisions moving toward a system with public and charter schools under the same leadership. Critics contend Beutner, an investment banker with no education background, wants to run schools like a business.

Charter teachers joining the strike is a big deal because it shows they “see themselves in solidarity with the broader body of district educators,” said John Rogers, a professor of education at University of California, Los Angeles.

It wasn’t clear how many charter teachers walked off the job.

Unlike during strikes in other



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

Maria Arienza, right, an English and Spanish teacher, shouts slogans alongside her student Stephanie Medrano outside Los Angeles’ North Hollywood High School on Tuesday. Administrators want striking teachers in Los Angeles to return to classrooms and for their union to return to the bargaining table.

states, all 1,240 K-12 schools in LA Unified were open. The district has hired hundreds of substitutes to replace tens of thousands of staff, a move the union has called irresponsible.

The walkout Monday was marked by a plunge in attendance, with about 144,000 students out of more than 600,000 in class. On Tuesday that number grew to 159,000.

Parents who sent their kids to school wondered how much teaching was happening as students were herded into large groups. David Biener said his son and

daughter completed worksheets in math and history while sitting on the gym floor at their middle school.

“It’s not an ideal situation, obviously, but there was some learning going on,” he said. “It wasn’t a free-for-all.”

Biener was undecided about whether the kids would go back to school on Wednesday.

No new talks have been scheduled.

The union rejected the district’s latest offer to hire nearly 1,200 teachers, counselors, nurses and librarians and reduce class sizes

by two students. It also included a previously proposed 6 percent raise over the first two years of a three-year contract. The union wants a 6.5 percent increase at the start of a two-year contract.

Caputo-Pearl, the union president, said members are “prepared to go as long as it takes” to get a fair contract. The last strike in 1989 lasted nine days.

Teachers earn between \$44,000 and \$86,000 annually, depending on their education and experience. The district says the average salary is \$75,000.

New storm brings risk of blizzard to Northern Calif.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Another Pacific storm was set to hit California on Wednesday, bringing a threat of mudslides to the site of the deadliest wildfire in state history and a rare blizzard warning in the Sierra Nevada.

An evacuation warning was in place into Thursday morning for Palga, a canyon community in Northern California. Its neighbor, the town of Paradise, was virtually incinerated two months ago by the Camp Fire that killed 86 people and destroyed nearly 15,000 homes.

The National Weather Service issued a flood watch for Butte County beginning late Wednesday afternoon.

“If flooding occurs, this can quickly become a dangerous and life-threatening situation,” the Butte County Sheriff’s Office warned.

The north could see the strongest storm of the year, with heavy rain in the San Francisco Bay Area leading to a widespread flash flood watch beginning in the afternoon. Flood and high wind watches were scheduled for the Sacramento area, with the weather service warning that gusts could lead to power outages, downed trees and tough driving conditions.

A blizzard warning for much of the Sierra Nevada and Lake Tahoe was set to go into effect Wednesday night, with meteorologists predicting as much as 5 feet of snow in upper elevations and wind gusts of up to 100 mph on ridgelines.

Dangerous and potentially life-threatening conditions were expected at elevations above 7,000 feet,

with high avalanche danger throughout the region.

A week of storms has left authorities concerned about the potential danger for thousands of people living in foothill and canyon areas devastated by last year’s wildfires. Immense areas of the state were razed by wind-whipped flames, leaving hill-sides bare of vegetation that could stabilize soil and prevent mudslides.

Several thousand people heeded a mandatory evacuation order in Santa Barbara County on the Central Coast, where last year a sudden debris flow swept through Montecito, killing 23 people and destroying 100 homes.

Daphne Moore was among the evacuees.

“It’s a complete drag but it’s better than dying in a mud debris flow,” she told KNBC-TV.

However, the rain that fell Tuesday wasn’t heavy enough to cause disaster, and the county lifted the order Tuesday evening. More rain was expected Wednesday but not enough to be a serious threat, officials said.

Some mandatory evacuations remained in the Malibu area of Los Angeles County, and voluntary evacuations were in place for some parts of Ventura County. Both were affected by November’s Woolsey Fire that destroyed more than 1,500 homes and killed four people. In Malibu, sheriff’s deputies with clipboards went door-to-door at the high-risk Paradise Cove mobile home park.

Julie Sturgess signed a declaration that she wouldn’t evacuate. “I have lived here since 1971, and there has been a lot of rain over the years,” she told the Los Angeles Times.

ACLU: US mistakenly wanted to deport Marine Corps vet

Associated Press

DETROIT — A Marine veteran with post-traumatic stress disorder was held for three days for possible deportation before federal authorities learned that he was a U.S. citizen born in Michigan, lawyers said Wednesday.

Jilmar Ramos-Gomez, 27, lives in the Grand Rapids area. He was released on Dec. 17 from a detention center in Calhoun County after records were shared with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, according to the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan.

“Why did they think he was a noncitizen? Did they get him confused with someone else? Who knows,” ACLU attorney Miriam Aukerman said. “This is an individual who’s incredibly vulnerable with a mental illness.”

There was no immediate comment from ICE. Spokesman Khalid Walls in Detroit said he couldn’t respond to media inquiries because of the partial government shutdown.

Ramos-Gomez was in the Kent County jail after being accused of trespassing and damaging a fire alarm at a Grand Rapids hospital on Nov. 21. The ACLU said he

pleaded guilty and was supposed to be released on Dec. 14 while awaiting a sentence.

But ICE contacted the jail and requested that Ramos-Gomez be held for pickup. Kent County Undersheriff Chuck DeWitt said ICE, like other law enforcement agencies, has access to fingerprint records. “Once he was released from our custody, he was under the domain of ICE. Where they take him is their process,” DeWitt said. “Our procedures were followed.” DeWitt said he didn’t know whether Ramos-Gomez protested when immigration officers picked him up.

Ramos-Gomez was driven 70 miles to a detention center in Battle Creek. He was released after three days, after lawyer Richard Kessler contacted ICE on behalf of the man’s family.

Ramos-Gomez was a lance corporal in the Marine Corps and received awards for service in Afghanistan. The ACLU said his PTSD had a role in the disturbance at the hospital.

The ACLU is asking the Kent County sheriff and county commissioners to investigate the jail’s role in releasing Ramos-Gomez to ICE.

NATION



Mustangs are shown at the Bureau of Land Management's Palomino Valley holding facility in Nevada in 2013. A corral built in California by the U.S. Forest Service could allow it to bypass federal restrictions and lead to the slaughter of wild horses.

Forest Service pen may allow sale of horses for slaughter

Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — The U.S. Forest Service has built a new corral for wild horses in Northern California, which could allow it to bypass federal restrictions and sell the animals for slaughter.

The agency acknowledged in court filings in a potentially precedent-setting legal battle that it built the pen for mustangs gathered in the fall on national forest land along the California-Nevada border because of restrictions on such sales at other federal holding facilities.

The agency denies claims by horse advocates it has made up its mind to sell more than 250 horses for slaughter. But it also says it may have no choice because of the high cost of housing the animals and continued ecological impacts it claims overpopulated herds are having on federal rangeland.

"While slaughtering wild horses does not present a pleasant picture, the reality of this dire situation is not pleasant," Justice Department lawyers representing the agency wrote in its most recent filing last month.

Horse advocates have been suing the government for two decades over mustang roundups that private ranchers say are necessary to curb growing herds that reduce the forage on federal lands they lease for cattle and sheep grazing across the U.S. West. The region holds roughly 90,000 wild horses.

A sharp reduction in demand in recent years for a federal program that offers the horses for adoption to the public has left little room in existing corrals. Horse advocates

argue the mustangs are federally protected and that taxpayers subsidize the livestock grazing on U.S. land.

A hearing is scheduled Jan. 31 in federal court in San Francisco on a motion filed by the Animal Legal Defense Fund and American Wild Horse Campaign seeking an injunction to block the sale of the horses captured in the Modoc National Forest in October and November for possible slaughter. The new pen is in the forest, about 170 miles northwest of Reno. Forest Service Chief Vicki Christiansen announced late last year she would postpone any sales for slaughter until at least Feb. 18.

The protection groups say it would be the first time in nearly a half-century the government has sold mustangs "without limitation," or for any purpose, including slaughter. Horse slaughterhouses are prohibited in the U.S. but legal in Canada, Mexico and parts of Europe where horse meat is considered a delicacy.

The Wild Free Roaming Horse and Burros Act that President Richard Nixon signed into law in 1971 prohibits the inhumane destruction of wild horses. Congress approved an appropriations amendment in 2004 that allows the Forest Service, under its parent Agriculture Department, to sell horses without limitations if they're over age 10 and have been offered for adoption three times unsuccessfully. But in most years since, Congress has specifically prohibited the Bureau of Land Management, under the Interior Department, from using any appropriations for such purposes.

OxyContin maker forecast 'blizzard of prescriptions'

Filing in lawsuit cites comments at drug's launch party

By ALANNA DURKIN RICHER
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Associated Press

BOSTON — A member of the family that owns OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma told people at the prescription opioid painkiller's launch party in the 1990s that it would be "followed by a blizzard of prescriptions that will bury the competition," according to court documents filed Tuesday.

The details were made public in a case brought by Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey that accuses Purdue Pharma, its executives and members of the Sackler family of deceiving patients and doctors about the risks of opioids and pushing prescribers to keep patients on the drug longer. The documents provide information about former Purdue Pharma President Richard Sackler's role in overseeing sales of OxyContin that hasn't been public before.

The drug and the closely held Connecticut company that sells it are at the center of a lawsuit in Massachusetts and hundreds of others across the country in which government entities are trying to find the drug industry responsible for an opioid crisis that killed 72,000 Americans in 2017. The Massachusetts litigation is separate from some 1,500 federal lawsuits filed by governments being overseen by a judge in Cleveland.

But the company documents at the heart of the Massachusetts allegations are also part of the evidence exchanged in those cases. While the Massachusetts filing describes their contents, the documents themselves have not been made public, at the company's request.

According to the filing, Richard Sackler, then senior vice president

responsible for sales, told the audience at the launch party to imagine a series of natural disasters: an earthquake, volcanic eruption, hurricane and blizzard.

"The launch of OxyContin Tablets will be followed by a blizzard of prescriptions that will bury the competition. The prescription blizzard will be so deep, dense, and white," he said, according to the documents.

"Over the next twenty years, the Sacklers made Richard's boast come true," lawyers in the attorney general's office wrote. "They created a manmade disaster. Their blizzard of dangerous prescriptions buried children and parents and grandparents across Massachusetts, and the burials continue," they wrote.

The complaint says the Sackler family, which includes major donors to museums including the Smithsonian Institution, New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Tate Modern in London, was long aware its drug was dangerous and addictive but pushed more sales anyway.

A memo among family members in 2008 warned of a "dangerous concentration of risk" for the family, the complaint says. Years earlier, Richard Sackler wrote in an email that the company would have to "hammer on the abusers in every way possible," describing them as "the culprits and the problem."

Joanne Peterson, who runs a Massachusetts-based support network for the family members of people addicted to drugs, said Sackler's comments show a "blatant disregard for human life."

"He certainly hammered them six feet under," Peterson said. "I've been to more funerals than I can count in the last 15 years."

Purdue Pharma accused the attorney general's office of cherry-picking from millions of emails and documents to create "biased and inaccurate characterizations" of the company and its executives. The company said in a statement said it will "aggressively defend against these misleading allegations."

The company also stresses that its drug is approved by federal regulators and prescribed by doctors, that it accounts for a small portion of opioids sold in the U.S., and that illicit drugs including heroin and street fentanyl are causing most overdose deaths.

"In a rush to vilify a single manufacturer whose medicines represent less than two percent of opioid pain prescriptions rather than doing the hard work of trying to solve a complex public health crisis, the complaint distorts critical facts and cynically conflates prescription opioid medications with illegal heroin and fentanyl," Purdue Pharma said.

Messages seeking comment were left for a spokeswoman for the Sackler family.

Last year, Purdue halted efforts to market OxyContin to doctors.



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NATION

States expect battles over abortion-related bills

By DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — On each side of the abortion debate, legislators and activists emboldened by recent political developments plan to push aggressively in many states this year for bills high on their state lists — either seeking to impose near-total bans on abortion or guaranteeing women's access to the procedure.

For abortion opponents, many of whom will rally Friday at the annual March for Life in Washington, there's a surge of optimism that sweeping abortion bans might have a chance of prevailing in the reconfigured U.S. Supreme Court that includes Donald Trump's appointees Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh. Legislators in, for example, Ohio, Kentucky, Missouri and South Carolina — are expected to consider bills that would ban abortion after a fetal heartbeat is detected, possibly just six weeks into a pregnancy.

Conversely, results of the midterm elections buoyed supporters of abortion rights in several states, including New York, Rhode Island, Maryland and New Mexico. Abortion rights groups there are now hopeful that lawmakers will pass bills aimed at protecting access to abortion even if the Supreme Court eventually reversed or

weakened the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that established a nationwide right to abortion. Tuesday will mark the 46th anniversary of that ruling.

"With big electoral victories in state legislatures and governorships, many states are now primed to provide the last line of defense for a woman's ability to control her body, life and future," said Andrea Miller, president of the National Institute for Reproductive Health.

Here are some of the notable bills likely to be considered:

Protecting abortion access

■ **New York.** For years, Republicans who controlled the New York Senate blocked efforts to codify abortion rights in state law as a bulwark against any undermining of Roe v. Wade. However, Democrats, who have long controlled the legislature's lower chamber, took control of the Senate in the midterms and are expected to swiftly enact the long-sought protections. Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo, easily re-elected to a third term, says the legislation is among his top priorities.

■ **Rhode Island.** Although abortion is readily available in Rhode Island, the state has never removed some decades-old laws that sought to restrict abortion rights. A bill

to scrap those old laws, and reinforce the right to abortion in case Roe is reversed, has been reintroduced in the 2019 session after failing the past two years.

■ **Maryland.** Democratic House Speaker Michael Busch says lawmakers will take up a constitutional amendment to protect abortion rights in Maryland in case protections are overturned or weakened by the Supreme Court or federal government.

■ **Maine.** A new Democratic governor who supports abortion rights, Janet Mills, has succeeded anti-abortion Republican Paul LePage. Mills would likely sign a recently introduced bill that would require Maine to fund some abortions that are not covered under Medicaid.

■ **New Mexico.** Democratic legislators — who control both chambers — are backing a bill that would remove New Mexico's criminal ban on abortion.

Restricting abortion access

■ **Ohio.** During eight years in office, GOP Gov. John Kasich signed more than 20 anti-abortion bills, but twice vetoed the most draconian measure to reach his desk — the so-called "heartbeat bill" that would ban abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected. But Kasich has now been succeeded by fellow Republican Mike DeWine, who

suggests he will sign a heartbeat bill.

■ **Kentucky, Missouri, South Carolina.** Lawmakers in these states, where Republicans control the legislature and governor's office, also have drafted heartbeat bills for consideration this year.

■ **Arkansas.** Like Kentucky, some of Arkansas' previously approved anti-abortion laws remain caught up in legal fights. But two new measures were filed ahead of the 2019 session. One would toughen requirements for reporting abortion-related complications to state health officials; the other would prohibit doctors from performing an abortion if they know the woman seeks it solely because the fetus is diagnosed with Down syndrome.

■ **Oklahoma.** A Republican state senator, Joseph Silk, has filed a bill that would include abortion in the state's definition of felony homicide, potentially punishable by life in prison. Its chances of advancing are uncertain, but Oklahoma lawmakers did approve a bill two years ago that would have outlawed abortion and imposed prison sentences of up to three years on anyone performing the procedure.

That bill was vetoed by then-Gov. Mary Fallin. She has been succeeded by fellow Republican Kevin Stitt, who declined comment on Silk's bill after it was filed.

Robots help detect spills in grocery stores

By MATT O'BRIEN
Associated Press

SEEKONK, Mass. — A wheeled robot named Marty is rolling into nearly 500 grocery stores to alert employees if it encounters spilled granola, squashed tomatoes or a broken jar of mayonnaise.

But there could be a human watching from behind its cartoonish googly eyes.

Badger Technologies CEO Tim Rowland said its camera-equipped robots stop after detecting a potential spill. But to make sure, humans working in a control center in the Philippines review the imagery before triggering a cleanup message over the loudspeaker.

Rowland said 25 of the robots are now operating at certain Giant, Martin's and Stop & Shop stores, with 30 more arriving each week. Carlisle, Pa.-based Giant says it has two robots now working at stores in the state and plans to expand to all 172 Giant stores by the middle of this year.

The chains are all part of Dutch parent company Aldi Delhaize.

The robots move around using laser-based "lidar" sensors and pause when shoppers and their carts veer into their path.

The googly eyes are fake, but each robot has eight cameras — some directed down at the floor and others that can see shelves. Rowland said the robots can eventually be repurposed to help monitor store inventory.

A robot observed Tuesday at



MATT ROUBIK/AP

William Rucker and his grandson, Justice, 4, say hello to a robot named Marty as it cleans the floors at a Giant grocery store in Harrisburg, Pa., on Tuesday.

a Stop & Shop store in Seekonk, Mass., alerted store associates to a price tag that had fallen in one aisle and a tiny sprig of herbs in another. After moving along for a few minutes, it returned to the scene of each spill and waited until an employee pushed a button to acknowledge that the debris was picked up.

It's not the only robot that U.S. shoppers might spot this year. Walmart and Midwestern supermarket chain Schnucks have deployed robots that help monitor

inventory.

A union that represents Giant and Stop & Shop workers says it's keeping an eye on Marty. It remains to be seen what the grocery stores will ultimately use the technology for.

UFCW President Marc Perrone said in an emailed statement that the "aggressive expansion of automation in grocery and retail stores is a direct threat to the millions of American workers who power these industries and the customers they serve."

Witness says Guzman paid \$100M bribe to ex-Mexican president

By TOM HAYS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A Colombian drug trafficker testified Tuesday that Mexican cartel leader Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman boasted about paying a \$100 million bribe to the former president of Mexico to call off a manhunt for the notorious kingpin.

Alex Cifuentes spoke about the alleged bribe to former President Enrique Pena Nieto while being cross-examined at Guzman's murder and drug conspiracy trial in New York.

A spokesman for Pena Nieto, who left office last year, called the bribery claim "false and defamatory" when it first came up earlier in the trial. Pena Nieto was still president when Guzman was captured in 2016 and extradited to the U.S. in 2017.

Attempts to contact Pena Nieto and his representatives were unsuccessful Tuesday.

Cifuentes acknowledged that he first spoke with prosecutors about the bribery allegation when he began cooperating with U.S. authorities in 2016. After expressing confusion about the details, he acknowledged that he had told prosecutors that he was informed by Guzman that someone named "Comadre Maria" delivered money in Mexico City in October 2012, at a point when Pena Nieto had been elected president but before he took office.

Guzman's lawyer, Jeffrey Lichtman, also confronted Cifuentes with his prior statements about

another debriefing last year when Cifuentes questioned his own memory about the circumstance of the bribe.

"By 2018, suddenly the numbers became fuzzy?" Lichtman asked.

"Yes, sir," the witness responded.

Guzman is on trial in New York on charges that could put him in a U.S. prison for the rest of his life. The trial has featured numerous allegations of bribes or attempts to bribe high-level officials in Mexico and Colombia, including police commanders and other officials in charge of fighting the drug cartels.

The defense strategy for eliciting testimony about Guzman making bribes wasn't immediately clear. At the start of the trial, Lichtman indicated that jurors would hear testimony about bribes paid to both Pena Nieto and another former Mexican President, Felipe Calderon, and suggested Guzman was the victim of a conspiracy by government officials and his narco-rivals to railroad him. At the time, Calderon dismissed the allegations as "absolutely false and reckless."

The judge in the case, U.S. District Judge Brian Cogan, admonished Lichtman after his opening statement to the jury, saying some of it included "inadmissible hearsay" about corruption.

"Your opening statement handed out a promise note that your case is not going to cash," the judge said at the time.

WORLD

Kenya: All gunmen killed after hotel complex attack

By BEN CURTIS
Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — Kenya's security forces have killed the Islamic extremist gunmen whose assault on a luxury hotel and shopping complex took 14 "innocent lives," the country's president said Wednesday.

"All the terrorists have been eliminated," President Uhuru Kenyatta said in announcing an end to the overnight operation to secure the complex in the capital, Nairobi.

In a televised address, Kenyatta did not say how many attackers were involved. He said more than 700 people were evacuated during the security operation and urged Kenyans to "go back to work without fear," saying the East African country is safe.

Sporadic gunfire could be heard while scores of people were rescued at daybreak during what police called a "mopping-up" exercise. A new blast was heard in the afternoon as witnesses said security forces were making a sweep of the complex for any explosives.

Surveillance video showed the attack that began Tuesday afternoon involved at least four armed

men.

Al-Shabab — the extremist group allied to al-Qaida and based in neighboring Somalia — claimed responsibility for the carnage at the DusitD2 hotel complex, which includes bars, restaurants, offices and banks and is in Nairobi's well-to-do Westlands neighborhood with many foreign expatriates. Al-Shabab carried out the 2013 attack at the nearby Westgate Mall in Nairobi that killed 67 people.

Most of the victims were Kenyans, a mortuary attendant said. The U.S. State Department confirmed that an American citizen was among the dead, and the company I-DEV International confirmed that its co-founder, Jason Spindler, had been killed. The British high commissioner in Kenya said at least one British national had been killed, without giving details.

Spindler's father, Joseph, said his son worked in the complex and often ate at a cafe in the luxury hotel targeted by the gunmen.

He said his son grew up in Houston, graduated from the University of Texas and was enjoying a successful career on Wall Street when he decided that he wanted to develop a model for



Kenya Red Cross personnel help a woman Wednesday at the Chiromo Mortuary in Nairobi, Kenya, reacting after learning of a family member killed during Tuesday's terrorist attack.

helping low-income people.

Jason Spindler entered the Peace Corps and lived in Peru, where he developed sustainable business models for rural residents.

Spindler, who turned 41 on Tuesday, later became a founder of I-DEV International and has been living in Kenya for about five years.

Kenyan authorities sent special forces into the hotel to flush out the gunmen. Scores of people were rushed to safety in the early morning hours as explosions and gunfire continued.

The coordinated assault began with an explosion that targeted

three vehicles outside a bank, and a suicide bombing in the hotel lobby that severely wounded a number of guests, said Kenya's national police chief, Joseph Boinnet.

Kenyan hospitals appealed for blood donations even as the number of wounded remained unclear.

Associated Press video from inside the hotel showed Kenyan security officers searching the building and scared workers emerging from hiding while gunfire could be heard. Some climbed out a window by a ladder. One man got up from the floor where he appeared to be trying to hide

under a piece of wood paneling, then showed his ID.

Like the attack at the Westgate Mall, this one appeared aimed at wealthy Kenyans and foreigners. It came a day after a magistrate ruled that three men must stand trial in connection with the Westgate Mall siege.

Al-Shabab has vowed retribution against Kenya for sending troops to Somalia to fight it since 2011.

Tuesday's violence came three years to the day after al-Shabab extremists attacked a Kenyan military base in Somalia, killing scores of people.

German village evacuated amid avalanche risk

Associated Press

BERLIN — Officials ordered residents of a village in southern Germany to leave their homes immediately due to "acute" avalanche risk.

Authorities said Wednesday that villagers of Raiten, near the Austrian border, should take important documents and medicines with them and inform neighbors who may be unaware of the warning.

Heavy snowfall over the past weeks has greatly heightened the risk of avalanches in parts of Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Dozens of people have died in avalanches and weather-related accidents.

The German meteorological service DWD said Wednesday that the amount of snowfall in the Alps recently was unusual but not exceptional.

Meanwhile, Norwegian police said Wednesday the body of one of four skiers who were buried by an avalanche in northern Norway earlier this month has been recovered.

Police spokesman John-Kaare Granheim said there was poor visibility in the area and search efforts would continue, weather permitting.

Four skiers — a woman from Sweden and three men from Finland — were taken by a 900-foot-wide avalanche that hit the Tamok Valley on Jan. 2.

On Tuesday, avalanches in Austria struck buildings and roads but no injuries were reported.

An overnight avalanche in Ramsau, central Aus-



Firefighters clear snow from a roof in Bayrischzell, Germany, on Wednesday. Heavy snowfall has pounded the region in recent weeks.

tria, slammed a hotel. All 60 visitors and staff, most of whom were from a Danish ski club, got out of the building unharmed.

In a series of dramatic videos posted on Swiss news portal 20 Minuten, a group of soldiers posted to the Davos area ahead of next week's World Economic Forum narrowly escaped harm from an avalanche triggered by a controlled explosion. The soldiers can be heard yelling and seen running as masses of snow hurtle toward the base area where they are standing and filming.

Warmer, wetter weather after days of heavy snowfall has increased the risk of avalanches.

Freed Pakistani Christian woman still lives as prisoner

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Aasia Bibi, a Pakistani Christian acquitted of blasphemy, still lives the life of a prisoner nearly three months after her release from death row, awaiting a final ruling on her fate.

She spends her days in seclusion for fear of being targeted by angry mobs clamoring for her death. In her hideout, she longs for her children who were taken to Canada for their safety.

Pakistani security forces guarding Bibi, 54, prevent her from opening a window in her hiding place, let alone go outside, a friend said.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court is weighing a petition by Islamist extremists and right-wing religious parties that rallied against her acquittal and demand her execution.

Her case goes to the core of one of Pakistan's most controversial issues — the blasphemy law, often used to settle scores or intimidate followers of Pakistan's minority religions, including minority Shiite Muslims. A charge of insulting Islam can bring the death

penalty.

Bibi's ordeal began on a hot day in 2009 with a row with fellow farmworkers after two Muslim women refused to drink water from the same container as a Christian. They demanded she convert, and she refused. Five days later, a mob accused her of blasphemy. She was convicted and sentenced to death in 2010 for insulting the Prophet Muhammad.

After she spent eight years on death row, the Supreme Court acquitted her on Oct. 31.

From her secret location, which authorities maintain is for her own protection, Bibi is not allowed by Pakistan's security forces to give interviews. Even her friends and those few who have access to her are afraid to be identified and agreed to talk to a reporter only on condition of anonymity.

One of her friends says Bibi's husband, Ashiq Masih, who was wounded by a gunshot fired by a protester calling for Bibi's death, is with her in hiding. Her two daughters, Eisham, 20 and Esha, 19, were spirited out of Pakistan.

It's unclear when the review of Bibi's acquittal will be completed.

WORLD



HOUSE OF COMMONS/AP

British Prime Minister Theresa May speaks during Prime Minister's Questions in the House of Commons on Wednesday after Parliament rejected May's Brexit deal on Tuesday.

May faces no-confidence vote after big Brexit loss

BY DANICA KIRKA
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Associated Press

LONDON — British Prime Minister Theresa May faced a no-confidence vote Wednesday, a day after Parliament rejected her Brexit deal by a historic margin, unleashing a power struggle over control of Britain's planned exit from the European Union.

May was battling to save her job after staking her political reputation on winning support for the divorce agreement she negotiated with the EU over the last two years. Although the Brexit defeat was widely expected, the scale of the rout — 432 to 202 — was devastating for May's leadership.

Immediately after the vote, opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn, of the Labour Party, issued a no-confidence motion, saying it would give Parliament a chance to give its verdict "on the sheer incompetence of this government."

Still, many analysts predict May will survive because lawmakers from her Conservative Party are unlikely to vote against her, and the Democratic Unionist Party in Northern Ireland, which supports the government, has said it will continue to back the prime minister. If her government were to lose, it would have 14 days to overturn the result or face an early national election within weeks.

After the biggest defeat for any British government in well over a century, May promised to consult with senior lawmakers on future moves but gave little indication of what she plans to do next. Parliament has given the government until Monday to come up with a new plan for how Britain should leave the EU.

"The House has spoken and the government will listen," May said after Tuesday's vote, which leaves her Brexit plan on life support just 10 weeks before Britain is due to leave the bloc on March 29.

May faces a stark choice: Steer the country toward an abrupt break from the EU without a deal on their future relations or try to nudge it toward a softer departure. Meanwhile, British lawmakers from all parties are trying to wrest control of the Brexit process from a paralyzed Conservative government so lawmakers can direct planning for Britain's departure from the EU.

But with no clear majority in Parliament for any single alternative to Brexit, there's a growing chance that Britain may seek to postpone its depart-

'The House has spoken and the government will listen.'

Theresa May
British prime minister

ture date while politicians work on a new plan — or even hand the decision back to voters in a new referendum on Britain's EU membership.

Political analyst Anand Menon, from UK in a Changing Europe, said history is being made week after week in the Brexit saga, with the government being held in contempt even as May soldiers on.

"She seems content with bringing something back to Parliament to vote on again," Menon said. "The thing about Theresa May is that nothing seems to faze her. She just keeps on going."

European leaders are now preparing for the worst even though German Chancellor Angela Merkel said there was still time for further Brexit talks. She told reporters in Berlin that "we are now waiting to see what the British prime minister proposes."

Her measured remarks contrasted with the blunt message from French President Emmanuel Macron, who told Britons to "figure it out yourselves." He said Britain needs to get realistic about what is possible.

"Good luck to the representatives of the nation who have to implement something that doesn't exist," Macron said.

EU Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier said the bloc is stepping up preparations for a chaotic "no-deal" departure by Britain after Parliament's actions left the bloc "fearing more than ever that there is a risk" of a cliff-edge departure.

Economists warn that an abrupt break with the EU could batter the British economy and bring chaotic scenes at borders, ports and airports. Business groups have expressed wide alarm at the prospect of a no-deal exit.

"Every business will feel 'no-deal' is hurtling closer," said Carolyn Fairbairn, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry. "A new plan is needed immediately."

But investors have so far shrugged off the rejection of May's deal. The pound was up 0.1 percent at \$1.2869 in early morning trading in London.

Kremlin mocks idea Trump could work for Moscow

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Top Russian officials on Wednesday ridiculed allegations that President Donald Trump could have worked for Moscow's interests, dismissing them as "absurd" and "stupid."

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told a news conference that U.S. media reports claiming that Trump might have been a Russian agent reflect a dramatic plunge in standards of journalism.

Trump said this week that he never worked for Russia and repeated his claim that the investigation into his ties to Moscow is a hoax.

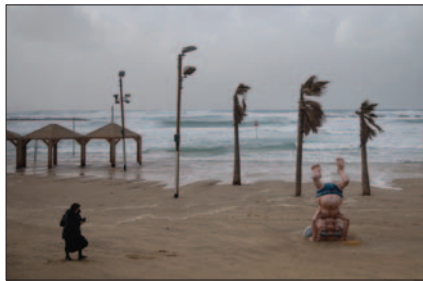
Asked if Russia could release the minutes of Trump's one-on-one negotiations with President Vladimir Putin, Lavrov dis-

missed the idea, saying it defies the basic culture of diplomacy. He added that such requests reflect illegitimate meddling in the U.S. president's constitutional right to conduct foreign policy.

Putin's foreign affairs adviser, Yuri Ushakov, similarly derided the claims in the U.S. that Trump might have worked for Russian interests.

"What kind of nonsense are you asking about?" Ushakov snapped when asked if Trump was a Russian agent. "How can one comment on such a stupid thing? It has reached such a scale that it's awkward to even talk about it."

"How can a president of the United States be an agent of another country; just think yourself," Ushakov said at a briefing.



ODED BALIYU/AP

A woman walks on the beach in Tel Aviv, Israel, on Wednesday as a harsh weather front brought sandstorms, hail and rain to parts of the Middle East.

Sandstorms, hail, rain hit Middle East

Associated Press

CAIRO — A harsh weather front brought sandstorms, hail and rain to parts of the Middle East on Wednesday, with visibility down in the Egyptian capital as an orange cloud of dust blocked out the sky and pedestrians covered their faces from the wind gusts.

Dusty winds whipped through Israel and the West Bank as well, with hail falling near Tel Aviv and meteorologists announcing that snow was expected later in the day in Jerusalem.

In Cairo, winds reached more than 30 mph, bending palm trees along the Nile River, while in Libya, rain, wind and cold weather was driving increased demand for electricity that overloaded the electricity grids and led to power

outages.

Sandstorms are common in the region in late winter and early spring, and Egypt's Meteorological Commission urged caution but did not advise anyone to change their daily routines.

Jerusalem braced for its first snowstorm in years, with police preparing to shut down major highways and many local schools and universities said they would close early.

High desert winds swept through Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, carrying sand and dust, while snow was already falling in Israel's mountainous north, where torrential rain and hail stranded some cars and turned streets into rivers of mud.

In Gaza, fishermen returned to port and docked their boats to protect against the stormy sea.

EUROPE

DODEA jazz seminar strikes the right chord

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — They may be teenagers, but the military students participating in DODEA's annual jazz seminar this week are also old souls who say they listen to Buddy Rich and the Count Basie Orchestra in their free time.

"I listen to jazz when I'm having trouble with something," said Alex Sims, a Ramstein senior who plays the drums. "It always helps me calm down."

Sims and the other 28 Department of Defense Education Activity-Europe students selected for this year's jazz band and vocal ensemble said they relish the opportunity to play and sing nothing but jazz.

They showed up Monday for their first practice under renowned guest conductor Darmon Meader. By Thursday, it was curtains-up, with the first of three performances over two days scheduled, including an evening performance at Ramstein city hall.

"It's a lot to process, a lot to prepare," Sims said, while tapping his drumsticks on his legs during a rehearsal break Tuesday at Kaiserslautern Middle School. "We're trying our best to get ready."

America's homegrown music has long been eclipsed in popularity by rock, hip-hop, pop and other forms of music, but the jazz tradition marches on in DODEA-Europe.

This year marked the 36th annual jazz seminar. DODEA is not only committed to continuing the program, but wants to expand it, organizers said.

Next year, DODEA is considering adding a workshop to the seminar and increasing the number of participants to around 50, said Ann Engels, the seminar's project officer for DODEA and a fine arts instructional specialist. The idea is to drum up more interest in jazz in Europe and give students from smaller schools a chance to improve their jazz skills.

This year, nearly half of the 21 instrumentalists in the seminar's jazz band are from Ramstein and



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Baritone saxophonist Kevin Predmore, right, of Kaiserslautern High School, and the rest of the saxophone section practice a number Wednesday at this year's DODEA-Europe jazz seminar in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

seven are from Stuttgart, two of the larger schools in DODEA-Europe which offer jazz band as an elective.

For DODEA students already in jazz, the seminar is an opportunity to fine-tune their music skills and play at a higher level.

"Especially last year, I think my note planning, my chord theory, all the music theory that I've been taught, it just increased my playing," tremendously, said Garrett Humble, 16, a senior guitarist and drummer from Stuttgart.

Many like Humble in this year's group are returnees but there are also a few newcomers.

Vicenza sophomore Jordan Merritt landed one of two tenor parts in the vocal ensemble on a whim.

"It was more of a dare from a

"It's fun to see what you can do in just these set few days."

Keona Kaneshiro
vibraphone player from Stuttgart

friend," he said. "He always said I had a good voice."

On Tuesday, he and the other seven vocalists were singing about chickens, from a Meader arrangement: "There ain't nobody here but us chickens ... tomorrow is a busy day, we have things to do, we have eggs to lay."

The lyrics sounded nothing like the problems crooned about by Ed Sheeran and Bruno Mars, two of the contemporary artists Merritt favors. But Merritt said he's recently been listening to Frank

Sinatra. "The jazz is sucking me into it," he said.

The students have been immersed in jazz for months, having their sheet music in hand well before Christmas break to prepare.

Eight-hour rehearsals began Monday with Meader, an internationally known jazz vocalist, saxophonist and arranger who's also the musical director of the vocal ensemble New York Voices. Meader divides his time between the band and vocal ensemble, with DODEA music instructors and

Air Force band members leading smaller breakout sessions.

"It's fun to see what you can do in just these set few days," said Keona Kaneshiro, a Stuttgart senior who's playing the vibraphone, a "metal-looking xylophone thing that everyone doesn't know quite what to call."

Kaneshiro, who counts the Count Basie Orchestra as her favorite band, says she most enjoys playing Cole Porter's mellow "You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To" at this year's seminar.

Both Sims and Humble favor the more upbeat Kris Berg composition "Chicks Dig It."

"It's a very funky song and I can really let loose because I'm a funky drummer," Sims said.

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From left: Stuttgart's Keona Kaneshiro and the rest of the big band rehearse; drummer Alex Sims concentrates on the tempo; Ramstein's Elliot Lavis, right, watches as conductor Darmon Meader has Vicenza's Jordan Merritt hit a note.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Referee banned after singling out girl's braids

VA CHESAPEAKE — A referee has been banned from officiating children's basketball games in a Virginia city after he singled out a girl who was wearing a typical black hairstyle.

WAVY-TV reported Tuesday that the 10-year-old wore braids with blue weave during a basketball game in Chesapeake over the weekend.

Erica Guerrier, who coaches her daughter's team, said the ref pointed to the girl's hair and said, "mistakenly, that hair weaves are against the rules."

Hampton Roads Basketball Association commissioner Rick Ennis said the incident is under investigation and the referee won't be working future games in Chesapeake.

Soda maker pays tribute to shutdown

CT NEW BRITAIN — A Connecticut soft drink maker known for its whimsical soda names is trying to make the bitter federal government shutdown a little sweeter.

New Britain-based Avery's Beverages on Monday introduced its newest concoction, Shutdown Swill, and offered a free bottle to federal employees who stop by the plant.

Owner Rob Metz told WTIC-TV the drink is a mix of blue raspberry and orange, making it green, the color of money. He added citric acid for more bitterness.

The label features a caricature of President Donald Trump.

Man hurt by intruder who entered via pet door

NY MACEDON — A 21-year-old man is recovering from a head wound after fighting off an intruder who crawled into his western New York home through a doggy door.

Levi Thompson, of Macedon, said he awoke Wednesday to find a 19-year-old former friend rifling through his home. He told WHAM in Rochester he confronted the man, who threatened him with a pocket knife before bashing him in the head with a 30-inch-tall wooden plant stand.

Police said the suspect then escaped through the doggy door but was later caught during an unrelated traffic stop and charged with burglary and assault.

Day care owner charged in toddler's intoxication

MD WALKERSVILLE — A Maryland woman who lost her day care license last year was charged in connection with a toddler who was hospitalized for apparent alcohol intoxication.

The Frederick News Post reported Doris Marie Ott was charged with neglect of a minor and reckless endangerment at the end of December, months after the toddler in her care was hospitalized.

Charging documents said the boy was acting normally when he was found off at Ott's home day care but had trouble waking up

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The amount of a scholarship an elementary school student in Mississippi earned for growing a massive cabbage. Rayne Byron told WLOX-TV that she planted the cabbage in a tire and just kept fertilizing and watering the plant. The cabbage weighed in at 23 pounds — about 10 times larger than many cabbages. Rayne is a student at East Central Upper Elementary in Moss Point. Rayne said she will save her winnings to help pay for college, and she wants to study agriculture.



GENE J. PUSKAS/AP

Locks of love

A runner crosses a bridge in Schenley Park in the Oakland neighborhood of Pittsburgh on Monday. The bridge's fence has taken on the look of love as couples write their names on locks, attach them to a bridge and throw away the key.

from his nap. A doctor confirmed the boy's blood alcohol content was almost three times the legal limit for an adult to drive.

Cops accused of drinking confiscated beer

VT BURLINGTON — Two police officers in Vermont are accused of drinking beer that they confiscated from minors.

Burlington Police Chief Brandon del Pozo said the officers issued tickets to the minors last month for underage possession of alcohol. The officers then allegedly kept the beer and drank some of it on duty instead of disposing of it.

The chief assigned the officers to administrative duty as the department investigates.

Rodeo cow evades capture, wanders trails

AK ANCHORAGE — The owner of a rodeo cow named Betsy said the bovine has

evaded capture for six months as she wanders the trails of Alaska's biggest city.

Rodeo promoter Frank Koloski told the Anchorage Daily News the 3-year-old cow "busted out" of a pen before participating in an Anchorage rodeo in June.

Koloski said Betsy headed to the Hilltop Ski Area and was spotted grazing on slopes during the summer. Betsy then moved to the trails that crisscross the Anchorage Hillside when snow fell.

Koloski said police, animal control authorities and the Bureau of Land Management have relayed information about the cow's whereabouts but she continues to elude him.

Husband indicted after newlyweds shot

GA ATLANTA — An indictment said a man was charged in his wife's death after they were both shot outside a metro Atlanta Popeyes.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported Michael Dale LaVigne was arrested Saturday after being indicted on charges includ-

ing felony murder.

LaVigne and Alisha Watkins Stephens, 35, had been married for just two weeks when they were shot at the DeKalb County restaurant in October. Stephens died from her injuries. LaVigne was critically injured.

Investigators said they went to Popeyes to buy meth. The indictment said LaVigne was robbed at gunpoint. It said he pulled out a gun and struck Stephens during a shootout with a possible gang member.

Tip leads police to military-style weapon

CT HARTFORD — Police in Connecticut recovered what they described as a military-style weapon hidden in a wooded area of Hartford.

Officers responding to a tip found the James Madison Tactical 223-caliber rifle with a scope and stabilizing bipod.

Police also recovered a 30-round magazine and 10 live rounds. Officers are continuing to investigate how the weapon

ended up in the woods and who put it there.

Students' postcard art displayed at Capitol

WV CHARLESTON — An exhibition of postcard art created by West Virginia students is on display in the state Capitol.

Gov. Jim Justice's office and the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History issued a call for the designs last year. They asked students from Kindergarten through 12th grade to submit an entry featuring their favorite place or activity in the state.

Selected pieces will be used by the West Virginia Tourism Office to invite travelers to the state. Winners were selected in December and will receive gift cards for art materials.

The Almost Heaven Art Exhibition is on display outside the Governor's Reception Room on the walls of the West Rotunda of the Capitol.

From wire reports

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Shutdown brews trouble for craft beers

With agency approval process halted, new beer releases and breweries face long delays

BY IVAN MORENO
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The nation's craft beer taps are being squeezed by the government shutdown, which has put new releases on hold, prevented new breweries from opening and stopped shipments of some suds across state lines.

The partial shutdown halted operations at the federal agency that regulates alcohol production and distribution. That means government employees can't issue the permits needed for the beer to flow.

"I've been joking with people that if you're going to want a new beer coming out pretty soon, you're going to have to drink your brother-in-law's home brew," said Russ Klisch, founder and president of Lakefront Brewery in Milwaukee.

Brewers are increasingly nervous that they will lose money if brewery openings and seasonal beers are delayed much longer in the dispute over President Donald Trump's demand for taxpayer funding of a wall along the border with Mexico.

At Lakefront, the release of a new beer has been postponed because the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau isn't open to approve labels for the bottles and cans. The brewery can sell beer in Wisconsin, but sales in other states require federally approved labels.

The shutdown that began Dec. 22 pinches primarily craft brewers, which offer wider varieties of beer and selections that change constantly. The biggest brewers are largely unaffected because



CARRIE ANTLENGER/AP

Trevor Stevens works in the bottling room Monday at Lakefront Brewery in Milwaukee. The federal shutdown is affecting the federal agency Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, which approves licenses for new breweries, some ingredients and labels for beers sent out of state.

they already have government approval for their top national brands.

Lakefront offers about 30 styles of beer throughout the year, including 20 that are sold out of state. In a typical year, about six of those need label approval because they are new.

Out-of-state sales account for about 10 percent of the brewery's annual profits, Klisch said.

The end of the shutdown won't bring an immediate end to the delays. The longer the shutdown continues, the bigger the backlog the bureau will have to sort through when work resumes. That means it could still be months before labels and permits are approved.

"A big part of it will be all the plans that brewers have for 2019

will get thrown out the window," said Paul Gatzka, director of the Brewers Association in Boulder, Colo.

David Rowland's plan to expand his brewery with a new location is also on hold.

"We really did expect to have our license by now or to be darned close," said Rowland, co-owner of SoMe Brewing Co. in York, Maine.

The new brewery in York Beach is ready to open, he said. But first they need a federal permit. In the meantime, they still have to pay for rent, utilities and loans for the new location.

"We're paying for a second brewery that is not open," Rowland said.

Back in Wisconsin, Mosinee

Brewing Co. finds itself in a similar position. The brewery expected to be making its own beer by now, but without a permit, it is limited to selling brews from other Wisconsin companies.

It's too early to quantify the

overall economic effect on breweries, said Mark Garthwaite, executive director of the Wisconsin Brewers Guild. But he said smaller brewers who are always introducing new beers — especially those that rely on sales to other states — are likely to suffer most.

Klisch said a beer or two might help the negotiations between Democratic lawmakers and Trump.

EXCHANGE RATES

| Military rates | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Euro costs (Jan. 17) | \$1.1700 |
| Dollar buys (Jan. 17) | €0.8547 |
| British pound (Jan. 17) | \$1.32 |
| Japanese yen (Jan. 17) | 106.00 |
| South Korean won (Jan. 17) | 1,095.00 |
| Commercial rates | |
| Bahrain (Dh) | 0.3770 |
| Canada (Dollar) | \$1.2884 |
| China (Yuan) | 6.7602 |
| Denmark (Krone) | 6.5946 |
| Egypt (Pound) | 17.9366 |
| Euro | \$1.1397/0.8775 |
| Hong Kong (Dollar) | 7.8441 |
| Hungary (Forint) | 282.05 |
| Israel (Shekel) | 3.6834 |
| Japan (Yen) | 108.85 |
| Kuwait (Dinar) | 0.3032 |
| Norway (Krone) | 8.5473 |
| Philippines (Peso) | 52.19 |
| Poland (Zloty) | 3.76 |
| Saudi Arabia (Riyal) | 3.7508 |
| Singapore (Dollar) | 1.3549 |
| South Korea (Won) | 1,120.79 |
| Switzerland (Franc) | 0.9994 |
| Thailand (Baht) | 31.71 |
| Turkey (Lira) | 5.3729 |

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| Dow Jones Industrials | 155.75 |
| | 24,065.59 |
| Nasdaq composite | 117.92 |
| | 7,023.83 |
| Standard & Poor's 500 | 27.69 |
| | 2,610.30 |
| Russell 2000 | 12.41 |
| | 1,445.22 |

INTEREST RATES

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| Prime rate | 5.50 |
| Discount rate | 3.00 |
| Federal funds market rate | 4.00 |
| 3-month bill | 2.37 |
| 30-year bond | 3.07 |

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OPINION

Both parties imperiled by insurgencies

By DAVID IGNATIUS
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Donald Trump is giving an unintentional gift to the burgeoning field of Democratic presidential candidates: He is teaching them how they can win.

Trump's failure as president is that he hasn't forged a governing party that can unite the country, pass legislation and address America's problems. He has succeeded in creating an insurgency that has toppled the traditional Republican establishment and intimidated GOP members of Congress into stunned, appalled silence. But with the exception of the 2017 tax cut plan in which weather people reap the biggest payouts, he has failed utterly to enact significant domestic policies.

The border wall tantrum and government shutdown show how Trump has squandered the opportunity that his populist campaign offered. If he had broadened his coalition — using the “art of the deal” he touts but doesn't seem to understand — he would have presented a more formidable lasting challenge to the Democratic Party.

But Trump's insecure, all-or-nothing politics has prevented the compromises and horse-trading that might resolve festering problems and, forgive the phrase, make America great again. Instead, we have a paralyzed, dysfunctional government that even Trump enthusiasts must know is bad for our national health. Every additional day Trump sulks in the White House, his failure is more obvious.

The challenge for the Democrats is to avoid Trump's blunder of creating a head-

line-grabbing insurgency and instead forge a broad governing coalition. That won't be easy; governing is dull, whereas insurgent movements are sexy. They animate the “base” of true believers and tap the inchoate public anger at the status quo. But insurgencies are self-limiting; they focus inward rather than outward; they are about protecting rather than fixing.

The temptation for Democrats in the age of Trump is to create a mirror image of his dysfunctional party of rage. Democrats can be as entranced as the GOP by the latest bright, shiny object darting across the political sky. They too, can mistake social media energy for real political power.

The news media always finds new personalities or inflammatory comments irresistible. That's why Trump has been so successful in manipulating the media. He conducts a daily circus of anti-elitist agitation. He drives wedges into every fissure of racial, gender or cultural division. He plays identity politics while pretending to oppose them.

This month's bright, shiny Democrats, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and former Rep. Beto O'Rourke, among others, are undeniably fun to watch. But do they have the skills (or the desire) to help build the spacious tent in which a governing party must operate? Do they have the self-discipline to avoid quick-hit headlines and forge real alliances?

The midterm elections showed how tired most voters have become of Trump's brand of divisive politics, in which antics to animate the “base” — the relatively small segment of the electorate that is driven by ideological, racial or cultural convictions — crowd out the process of building coalitions that can pass legislation.

Nancy Pelosi isn't an ideal leader for a party bent on reeducating working-class voters, but the value of having her as House speaker now is that she's a disciplined, old-fashioned pol who knows how to keep the Democratic caucus focused and aligned. Newcomers such as Rep. Rashida Tlaib (“Impeach the mother---er”) will disrupt Pelosi's momentum.

The Democrat who emerges atop the field will be the person who can convincingly demonstrate how he or she would make the instruments of government work again for the people. That starts with a message and a personality that a healthy majority of Americans can embrace. The ideal Democratic ticket would reach out to the broadest electorate; it would blend youth and experience, male and female, Anglo and Latino, black and white.

But the most important attribute for the Democratic presidential nominee will be an ability to beat Trump. The greatest weakness would be a candidate (backed by an insurgency) that skews the party so far left that it has trouble convincing independent voters in the center that the Democrats can put the country back together. Conservative voters are just as convinced that they face a political exclusion as are progressives. The escape is to rebuild a broad, tolerant, diverse middle.

The winning candidate will, almost by definition, create a new political alignment that begins to dissolve the cleavages that are tearing the country apart. What the country needs is a president who can persuade most Americans to pull on the oars together again. Otherwise, this boat will remain dead in the water or, worse, keep rocking unsteadily until it eventually capsizes.

As Sen. Graham shifts, his motives take shape

By KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

LOYALTY only goes so far, Sen. Lindsey Graham's goes every which way — depending on the day, week, month — or proximity to Election Day.

One day, he may think Donald Trump is a “look.” That was Graham's description of Trump in 2016, shortly after he'd ended his own campaign for president. Or, he may think Trump is “presidential,” as he said recently in appraising Trump's speech from the Oval Office on border security.

What did they do with Lindsey Graham, one might reasonably ask? If you posed this question to random people on Capitol Hill, you might hear them say, *aw, that's just Lindsey. He's in cycle.*

If this sounds vaguely endocrinal, well, suit yourself. What it means, of course, is that Graham is up for re-election in 2020. When he's in one of the redder states in the union, you'd best cheer for the Man from MAGA or risk fading into local history.

It isn't unusual for politicians to tweak their language or style, to soften or toughen rhetoric as one's audience pleases. Still, there's something almost comical about Graham's toughening stances and head-snapping reversals. It's as though his body has been occupied by someone else, his inner Terminator liberated at last — in part, perhaps, because he's no longer the late Sen. John McCain's wingman. He's Maverick now.

Whatever else he intends, Graham has always known how to play the media and keep himself in the headlines. This may explain his and Trump's recent comedy, which can be traced to a lunch in March 2017 when the two found common ground in, among other things, an affection for



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Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., is up for re-election in 2020.

playing golf. They are also both showmen and may share some mutual respect. Both love to be center stage and both seem to have a similar knack for giving people what they want. The president and the senator.

Confession: I love Graham — for all the right reasons. He's a mensch who'd give you the shirt off his back, whether you needed it or not. He's a good guy, brought up hard, who transcended tragedy (both parents died when he was in college, leaving him to care for his then 13-year-old sister). He's a true patriot, who served in the U.S. Air Force JAG Corps and then the Air Force Reserve as he was rising from lawyer to congressman to the U.S. Senate.

He is also very funny, as debate viewers will recall from his 2015 performances. His best lines from those debates were spontaneous, quick-witted and true. We delighted in his unfiltered answers to questions, such as: “You know how to make America great again? Tell Donald Trump to go to hell.” Or, if Trump were to win, Islamic State “would be dancing in the streets; they just don't believe in dance.”

Funny then, but no more. Graham has

become a lead gladiator for a southern border wall, even recently advising Trump to invoke national emergency powers to fund it. From “Little McCain's” affectionate nickname for Graham, to Maximus in a few short months. No longer is Trump a “kook.” In 2017, Graham repeated the word but this time in taking issue with the press for “this endless attempt to label the guy as some kind of kook not fit to be president.”

But then Monday happened. The president turned on Graham, rejecting Graham's suggestion to temporarily reopen the government while the wall debate continues. The mind melt lost its connection. Do we sense a split after all Graham has done, not least his fiery attack on Democratic members of the Senate Judiciary Committee during the Brett Kavanaugh hearings, which Graham called an “unethical sham?”

Instantly, Graham became a meme sensation on the right. On the left, you'd have thought he had called Kavanaugh's accuser, Christine Blasey Ford, “bat--- crazy,” a term he previously had used to describe the GOP for its support of Trump.

As we enter 2019, the Grahamster is full of brio and bluster, ready to rush Texas with his own fence-post digger. His speechwriter must surely be busy preparing text for the senator's remarks upon the groundbreaking, perchance to include: “President Trump, build this wall!” In the meantime, as Judiciary Committee reopen man, Graham has vowed that the next Supreme Court justice will be a conservative, as though anyone doubted it.

One can hardly wait, but not for long. The night is young, the news breaks 24/7, and we're nearly two more years to wonder what Graham will say, grawl, his, spit, growl, whine, or sing, hallelujah! May his cycle be unbroken.



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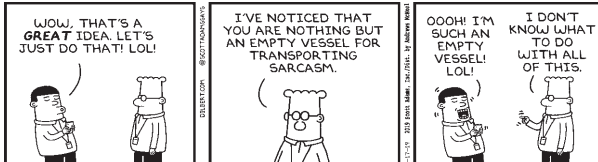
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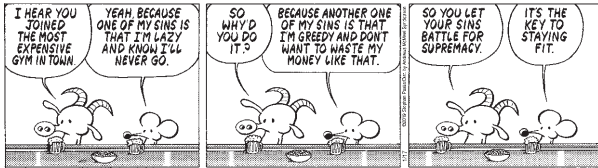
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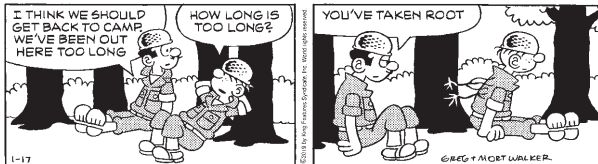
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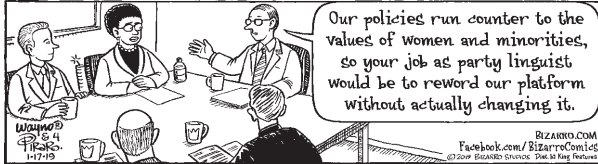
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ACROSS

- 1 Repeat
- 5 "Ben- —"
- 8 Lawman Wyatt
- 12 "Frozen" snow queen
- 13 "Right you —!"
- 14 Computer brand
- 15 Slightly
- 16 Actress Long
- 17 Hindu royal
- 18 Tidy up
- 20 Toto, to Dorothy
- 22 Peyton's brother
- 23 Commonest English word
- 24 Easter entrees
- 27 Vinegar variety
- 32 X-ray's cousin
- 33 Chopper
- 34 Hostel
- 35 "Becoming" author Obama
- 38 Read quickly
- 39 Knock
- 40 Wildebeest
- 42 "Yippee!"
- 45 Held up
- 49 "Mamma Mia" group
- 50 Gardner of Hollywood
- 52 Actress Kate
- 53 Fibs
- 54 Diarist Anaïs

55 Footnote abbr.

- 56 Minus
- 57 Young fox
- 58 Till bills

24 "Let me think ..."

- 25 "Exodus" hero
- 26 Germs
- 28 Rocker Rose
- 29 "Shampoo" Oscar winner

DOWN

- 1 Intend
- 2 North Sea feeder
- 3 Largest continent
- 4 Coffee bar orders
- 5 Carthaginian general
- 6 Swiss canton
- 7 Harvest
- 8 Sultry singer Kitt
- 9 Campus figure
- 10 Gambling mecca
- 11 Bluenose
- 19 Chicago transport
- 21 UFO crew
- 30 — pickle
- 31 Blitzzer channel
- 36 Badger
- 37 Clean-air org.
- 38 Hand in
- 41 "Forget it!"
- 42 Corridor
- 43 Theater award
- 44 Tug
- 46 Innocent one
- 47 Ms. Brockovich
- 48 June honorees
- 51 Half of XIV

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Sports

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College hockey

Tuesday's scores

EAST
Providence 5, Brown 1
American International 2, Sacred Heart 1

Deals

Tuesday's transactions

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Extended their player development contract with Portland (EL) for two years through the 2022 season.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Named Frank Menchino hitting coach of Charlotte (IL), Omar Vizquel manager and Wes Helms coach of Birmingham (SL). Justin Irvin hitting coach of Winston-Salem (Carolina), Ryan Newman manager of Kannapolis (SAL) and Ever Magallanes manager of the AZL White Sox.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Acquired INF Daniel Zorita from the Los Angeles Angels for RHP John Curtiss.

TEXAS RANGERS — Claimed OF John Andreoli off waivers from Seattle.

National League
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Named Matt Daniels pitching analyst.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Signed 2B Brian Dozier to one-year contract.

BASKETBALL
MILWAUKEE BRUINS — Signed F Bonzie Colson to a two-way contract.

MEAPHOS GRIZZLIES — Waived F/C Jarrell Stottles. Signed F Julian Walcott to a two-year contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Named Perry Fewell secondary coach.

DENVER BRONCOS — Agreed to terms with offensive line coach Greg Brandt. Signed Linebacker DT Donnell Fendley to a one-year contract.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Fired offensive line coach Dave DeGuglielmo. Announced the replacement of offensive line coach Bobby Johnson to become the offensive line coach with the Carolina Panthers.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Named Kris Kocurek defensive coordinator.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
EDMONTON OILERS — Granted F Colby Cave off waivers from Boston. Assigned LHU Joe Gambardella to Bakersfield AHL.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Assigned F Petrus Cusack to Milwaukee AHL.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Placed F Daulton LeBeau on waivers.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
Announced the retirement of assistant coach of the Austin FC franchise to begin play in 2021.

FLORIDA ATLANTA UNITED — Signed M Dion Pereira from Watford (Premier League) England.

ANGEL FISH — Agreed to terms with LA Walker Zimmerman on a four-year contract to assist coach of the Los Angeles Galaxy.

LA GALEXIA — Re-signed D Rolf Fetscher.

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION — Named Gabriel Martinez coach pitch fitness coach. The coach of the senior associate commissioner/women's basketball team Lynn Lynch at the end of the season.

ARKANSAS — QB Ben Hicks will transfer to Louisiana Tech.

AUSTIN PEAY — Named Marquise Lovelace assistant head coach and defensive line coach. Edy Moore assistant coach and run game coordinator. Chad Boudreau assistant coach. Marcell Powell safeties coach. Brian Frazier director of football operations and Spencer Boudreau director of recruiting.

CALIFORNIA — Named Brian Mann senior associate athletic director and Chief Compliance Officer.

OKLAHOMA — Named Roy Manning cornerbacks coach.

Pro football

NFL playoffs

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 5
Indianapolis Colts at Kansas City
Dallas 24, Seattle 22

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6
LA Chargers 23, Baltimore 17
Philadelphia 16, Chicago 15
LA Rams 30, Dallas 22

Sunday, Jan. 13
New England 44, LA Chargers 28
New Orleans 20, Philadelphia 14
Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 14
AFC
LA Rams at New Orleans
NFC
New England at Kansas City

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 27
At Orlando, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC

Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 3
At Atlanta
AFC champion vs. NFC champion

Tennis

Australian Open

Wednesday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

First Round
Second Round
Marin Cilic (C), Croatia, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4
McDonald, United States, 7-5, 6-7 (9), 6-3

Fernando Verdasco (26), Spain, def. Radu Albot, Moldova, 6-1, 7-6 (2), 6-3
Stefano Travaglia, Italy, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4

Karen Khachanov (10), Russia, def. Yoshiyoshi Nishioka, Japan, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3
Viktor Troicki, Serbia, 6-3, 6-2, 6-7, 5-7
John Millman, Australia, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3

Taylor Fritz, United States, def. Gael Monfils (30), France, 6-3, 6-7 (8), 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5)

Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Marinko Matosevic (5), Croatia, 6-3, 6-3
Francesca Schiavone, United States, def. Kevin Anderson (5), South Africa, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4

Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. Jordan Thompson, Australia, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3
Grigor Dimitrov (20), Bulgaria, def. Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3
Thomas Fabbiano, Italy, def. Reilly Opelka, United States, 6-7 (15), 6-4, 6-3

Tomas Berdych, Czech Republic, def. Roberto Karanovic, Serbia, 6-3, 6-3
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Alex de Minaur (27), Australia, def. Henri Laaksonen, Switzerland, 4-6, 6-2, 6-7 (4), 6-3
Matteo Berrettini (2), Italy, def. Matthew Ebden, Australia, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2

Second Round
Petra Kvitová, Czech Republic, def. Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, 6-1, 6-3
Belinda Bencic, Switzerland, def. Yulia Putintseva, Ukraine, 6-3, 6-3
Amanda Anisimova, United States, def. Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3

Asya Sabalenka (11), Belarus, def. Katie Boulter, Great Britain, 6-3, 6-3
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College football

All-star games

East-West Shrine Classic
Saturday, Jan. 19
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West

NFL College Bowl
Saturday, Jan. 19
At Pasadena, Calif.
American vs. National

Senior Bowl
Saturday, Jan. 26
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South

AP spotlight

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College basketball

Saturday's men's scores

EAST
Marquette 74, Georgetown 71
St. John's 92, Providence 72
Providence 72, Seton Hall 63

SOUTH
Kentucky 69, Florida 49
LSU 83, Mississippi 69
Mississippi 69, Florida 49

MIDWEST
Akron 51, Michigan 49
Bowling Green 79, Ball St. 78
Buffalo 88, W. Michigan 79

WEST
Cincinnati 82, South Florida 74
Concordia (Wis.) 65, Lakehead 64
Illinois St. 59, S. Illinois 58

FAR WEST
Nevada 72, Boise St. 57
San Diego St. 97, New Mexico 77

AP Women's Top 25 schedule
Thursday's games
No. 1 Michigan State vs. No. 15 South Carolina
No. 12 Syracuse vs. No. 10 Virginia Tech
No. 14 Marquette vs. No. 11 Duke

Friday's games
No. 16 Baylor vs. West Virginia
No. 18 Louisville vs. Wake Forest
No. 20 Tennessee vs. Alabama

Saturday's games
No. 11 Duke vs. No. 13 North Carolina
No. 12 Kentucky at No. 14 Auburn
No. 13 North Carolina at Miami

Sunday's games
No. 15 Duke vs. No. 16 Baylor
No. 17 Kentucky at No. 18 Louisville
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Monday's games
No. 21 Kentucky at No. 22 Auburn
No. 23 Louisville vs. No. 24 Duke
No. 25 Marquette vs. No. 26 Tennessee

Tuesday's women's scores
EAST
Marist 69, Monmouth (NJ) 45
NJIT 80, Lipscomb 67
West Virginia 82, State St. 56

SOUTH
Gardner-Webb 56, Presbyterian 58
Hampton 66, Longwood 40
Marist 69, Monmouth (NJ) 45

MIDWEST
Michigan 82, Kent State 42
North Carolina 62, Jacksonville 59
North Florida 71, Stetson 57

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Utah 82, Charleston Southern 41
UNC Asheville 93, SC-Upstate 86
Winthrop 59, Campbell 46

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Monday's games
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No. 58 Marquette vs. No. 55 Marquette

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No. 76 Marquette vs. No. 73 Marquette

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No. 80 Marquette vs. No. 77 Marquette
No. 82 Marquette vs. No. 79 Marquette

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No. 86 Marquette vs. No. 83 Marquette
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Roundup

Virginia routs Virginia Tech in matchup of Top 10 teams

Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Ty Jerome got No. 4 Virginia off to just the start it needed by making a few deep three-pointers. That opened things up for De'Andre Hunter and quickly shut things off for No. 9 Virginia Tech.

Hunter scored 21 points, Kyle Guy scored 15 and Jerome had 14 points and a career-high 12 assists as the Cavaliers started fast and routed the Hokies 81-59 on Tuesday night.

"He loosened it up early with some of those long threes," Virginia coach Tony Bennett said of Jerome, who made three threes, the first from about 25 feet, in the first seven minutes.

With the Hokies stretching their defense, Hunter moved inside, making eight of 12 shots.

"I just tried to be aggressive in the post," he said. "We knew they were going to trap and when they didn't, when they stopped trapping for some reason, I just tried to take advantage of the dude that was guarding me."

The Cavaliers (16-0, 4-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) never trailed in the first meeting of the programs in which both were ranked in the top 10. Virginia also remained one of two unbeaten teams in the country along with Michigan, and it did against their state rival, which came into John Paul Jones Arena a year ago and won 61-60 in overtime.

"For me, it wasn't on my mind at all," Guy said of averaging last year's loss. "I was just trying to focus on what was at hand. ... We punched them in the mouth and they fought back a little bit and we kept our foot on the pedal."

Nickell Alexander-Walker scored 19 points and Ahmed Hill 14 to lead Virginia Tech (14-2, 3-1), which was seeking the first 15-1 start in program history. The Hokies trailed by double figures after 12 minutes and never got within single digits.

No. 3 Tennessee 106, Arkansas 87: Lamonte' Turner and Jordan Bowden combined to score 40 points off the bench, and the host Volunteers whipped the Razorbacks for their 11th consecutive victory.

Turner scored 21 points and hit six of eight shots. Bowden was 6-for-7 shooting and 5-for-6 from three-point range en route to 19 points, and Tennessee's bench outscored Arkansas 50-23.

Tennessee (15-1, 4-0 Southeastern Conference) lost won 11 straight in the 2007-08 season.

No. 10 Nevada 72, Boise State 71: Cody Martin hit three pointers with 4.5 seconds remaining to lift the visiting Wolf Pack over the Broncos.

Boise State (8-9, 3-1) had a chance to win it, but Justinian Jessup's long three-point heave at the buzzer fell short.

Nevada (17-1, 4-1) seemed to have the game in control early in the second half, but starters Trey Porter and Caleb Martin were on the bench with four fouls with just over nine minutes remaining in the game.

Boise State took its first lead of the second half at 69-68 with 2:10 remaining on two free throws by Alex Hobbs. Hobbs' layup gave the Broncos a 71-69 advantage, setting up Martin's winner.

No. 12 Kentucky 69, Georgia 49: Ashton Hagans silenced a hostile crowd by scoring a season-high 23 points in the final 10 minutes.

No. 13 North Carolina 75, Notre Dame 69: Kentucky (13-3, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) pulled away in the second half for its third straight victory.

Hagans, a freshman who initially committed to Georgia out of high school but wound up signing with Kentucky, was booed by the sellout crowd at Stegeman Coliseum each time he touched the ball.

No. 13 North Carolina 75, Notre Dame 69: Nasir Little scored all 11 of his points in the final 11 minutes, and the host Tar Heels beat the Irish.

Coby White had 17 points while Luke Maye added 14 points and 10 rebounds and Cameron Johnson finished with 11 points for North Carolina (13-4, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference). UNC used a late 12-1 run to bounce back from the lopsided home loss under Hall of Fame coach Roy Williams.



STEVE HELBER/AP

Virginia guard Kyle Guy shoots over Virginia Tech guard Wabissa Bede during the first half on Tuesday in Charlottesville, Va.

John Mooney had 16 points and 19 rebounds for Notre Dame (11-6, 1-3).

No. 15 Marquette 74, Georgetown 71: Sam Hauser scored a career-high 31 points, Theo John tied a career-high with 14 points and the visiting Golden Eagles held on to beat the Hoyas despite Markus Howard — the nation's fourth leading scorer — playing just three scoreless minutes due to lower back tightness.

John blocked Georgetown's James Akinjo's drive with four seconds left as Marquette (15-3, 4-1) won its fourth straight game.

No. 16 Buffalo 88, Western Michigan 79: Jeremy Harris had 22 points and 11 rebounds, and the visiting Bulls held off the upset-minded Broncos.

Nick Perkins added 14 points for Buffalo (16-1, 4-0 Mid-American Conference), which had won its first three MAC games by a combined 70 points.

Western Michigan (6-11, 0-4) went on a 15-0 run in the first half and led 33-22, but Buffalo rebounded quickly and led 43-39 at halftime.

Wake Forest 71, No. 17 N.C. State 67: Freshman Jaylen Hoard had 16 points and 10 rebounds, and the host Demon Deacons blew a 22-point lead before recovering in time to top the Wolfpack.

Graduate transfer Torry Johnson added 11 points for Wake Forest (8-8, 1-3 Atlantic Coast Conference). That included a jumper with 1:19 left in a one-point game and two free throws with 13.3 seconds left that helped the Demon Deacons survive.

LSU 83, No. 18 Mississippi 69: Tremont Waters scored 20 points and Kavel Bigby-Williams had 14 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks to help the visiting Tigers end the Rebels' 10-game winning streak.

LSU (13-3, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) used an early 8-0 run in the second half to take a 48-39 lead, and the Tigers maintained a healthy advantage from that point.

Ole Miss (13-3, 4-1) hadn't lost since Nov. 24, when they fell 71-57 to Cincinnati. Terence Davis led the Rebels with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

No. 24 Mississippi State 71, Florida 68: Quindary Weatherspoon converted a three-point play with 3.4 seconds left to lift the host Bulldogs over the Gators.

Lamar Peters scored all 16 of his points in the first half, and Tyson Carter added 12 for Mississippi State (13-3, 1-2 Southeastern Conference).



GERRY BROOME/AP

Duke's Tre Jones collides with Syracuse's Frank Howard on Monday. Jones was injured on the play and the Blue Devils will have to figure out how to play without perhaps their most irreplaceable player.

Duke must replace irreplaceable Jones

By Jody McCreary
Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — No. 1 Duke has to figure out how to replace arguably its most irreplaceable player — point guard Tre Jones.

The strength of this Blue Devils team has been how neatly its four star freshmen fit into clearly defined roles. Zion Williamson makes headlines with his once-in-a-generation athleticism while RJ Barrett delivers consistent scoring and Cameron Reddish focuses on long-range shooting.

Jones is the least talked about of the foursome, but the things he provides — running the offense with unflappable efficiency, and pressuring the opposing team's point guard on defense — are tough to quantify and even tougher to replace.

Jones is not indefinitely injured by his right shoulder early in the Blue Devils' 95-91 loss to Syracuse on Monday night that will surely drop them from the top spot in the polls.

And coach Mike Krzyzewski has until Saturday — when No. 4 Virginia visits the Blue Devils (14-2, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) — to come up with a backup plan.

"There are bumps in the road along the way for a lot of people," Krzyzewski said in the aftermath of the loss, calling it "a very difficult night for our basketball program and our team. We'll figure out ways of handling it."

Team spokesman Mike DeGeorge said Jones separated his right AC joint during a collision with the Orange's Frank Howard while chasing a loose ball with 14:23 left in the first half. Jones laid on the court in obvious pain, with trainers holding towels to shield him from onlookers while the team's medical staff evaluated him. He walked to the locker room trying to immobilize the shoulder.

"You could see excruciating pain on his face," Krzyzewski said. "We just tried to calm him. Not that he was yelling. He felt that something could be broken. And that's how much pain he was

in."

Jones' heady, steady play at both ends of the floor has drawn comparisons to his older brother Tyus, the point guard on the Blue Devils' last national championship team in 2015 who now plays for the Minnesota Timberwolves.

His assist-to-turnover ratio of 5.7 is nearly twice that of any other player in the league, and his on-the-ball pressure was a big reason why Duke was ranked efficiency ratings before the Syracuse game. After playing roughly 40 minutes without him, the Blue Devils dropped a spot to No. 4 in those rankings.

He earned his fourth steal of the game on the play when he and Howard crashed into each other. The rest of the Blue Devils combined for four steals all night.

Without Jones — and without Reddish, who was held out with flu-like symptoms so severe that he never even showed up on the bench — this Duke team looked nothing like the group that had won 14 of 15 and nine straight since a loss to Gonzaga in Maui.

Little-used sophomore Jordan Goldwire — who averages less than nine minutes — was first off the bench to replace Jones and wound up playing eight minutes. Sophomore guard Alex O'Connell logged 34½ minutes — more than 20 more than his average.

And Barrett, who averages an ACC-best 23.4 points, assumed some of Jones' duties at the point while also remaining one of the team's two primary scoring options, just as he did during Jones' absence on the team's three-game Canadian tour this summer.

"It wasn't like a new look for us," Williamson said of Barrett playing the point. "We knew we could play that, but they just hit big shots."

He finished an assist shy of a triple-double with 23 points and 16 rebounds. But he also took 30 shots — 17 from three-point range, the second-most in Duke history — against Syracuse's trademark 2-3 zone defense that forced the Blue Devils to beat it from the outside.

GOLF/SPORTS BRIEFS

Golfers aim to put Saudi politics aside

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

Golf usually isn't all that complicated for Dustin Johnson. He decides where he's going to play and tries to post the lowest score.

The newest addition to his schedule involved a little more than that: Johnson is among several of golf's biggest stars who are scheduled to play the Saudi International at the end of the month.

Johnson and Masters champion Patrick Reed were among the first to sign up last April for the European Tour event, long before Saudi Arabia came under even greater scrutiny over the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi. Johnson said he talked to his corporate sponsors to make sure they didn't have a problem with him playing. He will be joining a field that features Justin Rose, Brooks Koepka and Bryson DeChambeau — that makes four of the top five players in the world rankings — at Royal Green Golf and Country Club on Jan. 31.

"Obviously, that was a concern with our team," Johnson said. "I'm going over there to play a sport I'm paid to play. It's my job to play golf. Unfortunately, it's in a part of the world where most people don't agree with what happened, and I definitely don't support anything like that. I'm going to play golf, not support them."

"I'm not a politician. I play golf."

He also said it might have been a tougher decision if not for so many others going. Along with four of the top five in the world, the Saudi International includes the last two Masters champions — Reed and Sergio Garcia — and former British Open champion Henrik Stenson.

"I think any time we're trying to grow the game and expose the game in a positive way, that's what we're trying to do," said DeChambeau, a four-time winner on the PGA Tour last year. "I don't think it's a bad decision as long as they want us there. That's what I've heard — they want us there. And they want to have a little bit more exposure in the game of golf. And that's what I'm trying to do."

It's not all goodwill, of course.

The purse is \$3.5 million, though the primary income for these players is appearance money, likely to be in the \$1 million range for the biggest names. That's common for some European Tour events, especially early in the year in the Middle East, which hosted its first golf tournament in Dubai in 1989 and now has six on the Arabian Peninsula.

Johnson and Koepka start their journey this week at the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship, an event that in years past has featured top players like Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy and Phil Mickelson.

Saudi Arabia's human rights record has come under intense scrutiny since the killing in October of Khashoggi, who wrote critically of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in columns for The Washington Post. He had been living in self-imposed exile before he was killed and dismembered inside the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul, according to Turkish media and officials.

European Tour chief executive Keith Pelley deflected concerns when he introduced the Saudi International to the schedule in November.

"As like many global companies, we monitor the situation in the areas countries, areas we play and the viability of the golf tournament, and I can simply say that the Saudi International is on our schedule in 2019," Pelley said. "And I really don't have anything more to add than that."

Among those not going is Paul Casey, who last April was listed as "confirmed" for the tournament with Johnson and Reed. He says that was never the case, only that he had entertained the idea of going.

"But there were a lot of questions," Casey said. "Do I want to go to Saudi? That was the main question."

There also was the matter of Casey being an ambassador for UNICEF, with the logo on his golf bag.

"There are a lot of places in the world that I have played and continue to go, which you could question ... some human rights violations that governments have



MARTIN DOKOUPIL/AP

Dustin Johnson watches the ball Wednesday after playing off the 11th tee in the first round of the Abu Dhabi Championship in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Johnson defended his decision to play in the upcoming Saudi International.

committed," he said. "I thought I'd sit this one out."

PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan has granted releases for his members to play the tournament, held the same week as the Waste Management Phoenix Open. He said the U.S. tour's only involvement was making sure the trip was safe for its players.

"Those are all terrible things that have happened, and that's what gives us concern about our players' safety," Monahan said about recent developments in Saudi Arabia. "Our players are independent contractors. Ultimately, they're going to make their own choice. Our job is to make them as informed as they can be."

Koepka, who won two majors last year and was the PGA Tour player of the year, also said he received no pushback from his sponsors.

Like Johnson, it was another offer to play golf in a new spot.

The PGA Tour runs a developmental tour and sponsors a World Golf Championships event in China. The European Tour has had Turkey on the schedule since 2013.

"People are always going to have different views on politics wherever you go," Koepka said. "All these places, there's a bit of conflict if you want to get into it. I'm not going to get into it. It's going to be an unbelievable field of golf there. Hopefully, you can spread some goodwill through golf when you're there."

Briefly

Report: Warrant sought for Kanter

Turkey alleges Knicks center in terror group

Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkish prosecutors are seeking an international arrest warrant for New York Knicks player Enes Kanter, accusing him of membership in a terror organization.

Sabah newspaper says the Istanbul chief prosecutor's office had also prepared an extradition request for the NBA player. Officials at the prosecutor's office could not be reached by The Associated Press for comment.

Kanter, who didn't go with the Knicks this week for their game in London because he feared he could be killed over his opposition to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, responded on Twitter that the Turkish government could not present "any single piece of evidence of my wrongdoing."

"I don't even have a parking ticket in the U.S.," he wrote Wednesday.

Kanter has been an outspoken critic of Erdogan, and his Turkish passport was revoked in 2017.

This time, Sabah says prosecutors are seeking an Interpol "Red Notice" citing Kanter's ties to exiled Muslim cleric Fethullah Gulen, who is blamed for a failed coup in 2016, and accusing him of providing financial support to his group.

Kanter said he feared assassination if he left the U.S. or Canada when he announced last week that he wouldn't travel with the Knicks, who play the Washington Wizards at The O2 Arena on Thursday.

Falcons DE undergoes mental evaluation

ATLANTA — Atlanta Falcons defensive end Takk McKinley was undergoing a mental evaluation after police were called to a hotel in Los Angeles.

TMZ Sports reported that a friend became concerned for

McKinley's well-being and summoned police. The Falcons acknowledged the incident in a statement from coach Dan Quinn, who says the team will do "everything we possibly can to support and assist Takk."

No criminal charges were filed. McKinley played collegiately at UCLA. He was a first-round pick by the Falcons in 2017, making headlines on draft night with an emotional tribute to the late grandmother who raised him.

Ex-Tide QB Hurts heading to Oklahoma

Alabama quarterback Jalen Hurts has decided to transfer to Oklahoma.

Hurts made the announcement Wednesday in a story in the Players' Tribune. He will be available immediately as a graduate transfer. Hurts was a two-year starter who led Alabama to a pair of national championship games and was Southeastern Conference offensive player of the year as a freshman.

Hurts left Alabama with 5,626 yards and 48 touchdowns passing and 1,976 yards and 23 touchdowns rushing.

QB Martell transferring from OSU to Miami

Quarterback Tate Martell says he is transferring from Ohio State to Miami.

Martell announced on Twitter early Wednesday: "I'm a Hurricane."

Martell, who will be a third-year sophomore, sat behind redshirt-setting quarterback Dwayne Haskins Jr. last season. Martell appeared to be the heir apparent when Haskins left early for the NFL Draft, but Ohio State lured Georgia transfer Justin Fields to compete for the starting spot.

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Warriors guard Stephen Curry, left, looks to pass or drive against the Nuggets' Jamal Murray defends on Tuesday in Denver. The Warriors set an NBA record with 51 first-quarter points in a 142-111 win.

'Left us in the dust'

Warriors set NBA mark with 51 in first quarter vs. Nuggets

The showdown between the top two teams in the conference proved a little too big for the Nuggets, with Curry and Co. putting on a shooting exhibition all night long. Durant hit the first shot of the night, a 12-footer, as the Warriors broke the old first-quarter mark of 50 held by several teams. The last time it happened was also against Denver when Phoe-

The Golden State Warriors were the only team to score more first-half points in a game this season when they dropped 92 on the Chicago Bulls on Oct. 29. The Sixers hit a team-record 21 three-pointers and reached their highest

injury, beating reeling Chicago. Ball, who also had eight rebounds and six assists, scored 13 points during the second half as Los Angeles was able to break open what was a close game for the first 28 minutes.

Minnesota 19, Philadelphia 29.

otte, N.C.

Feb. 7 — Trade deadline, 3 p.m. EST.
Feb. 16 — Three-point, slam dunk contests, Charlotte, N.C.
Feb. 17 — NBA All-Star Game, Charlotte, N.C.

NHL

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

| Atlantic Division | | | | | | |
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| | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF GA |
| Tampa Bay | 47 | 36 | 9 | 2 | 74 | 191 133 |
| Toronto | 45 | 28 | 15 | 2 | 58 | 161 128 |
| Boston | 46 | 26 | 15 | 5 | 57 | 133 146 |
| Montreal | 48 | 26 | 17 | 5 | 57 | 146 142 |
| Buffalo | 46 | 23 | 17 | 6 | 53 | 147 147 |
| Detroit | 48 | 18 | 23 | 7 | 43 | 136 161 |
| Florida | 45 | 17 | 20 | 8 | 42 | 139 165 |
| Ottawa | 46 | 17 | 24 | 5 | 39 | 143 178 |
| Metropolitan Division | | | | | | |
| | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF GA |
| Columbus | 45 | 28 | 15 | 2 | 59 | 152 140 |
| Washington | 46 | 27 | 14 | 5 | 59 | 157 139 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 45 | 26 | 14 | 4 | 56 | 136 118 |
| Pittsburgh | 46 | 25 | 15 | 6 | 56 | 163 137 |
| Caroline | 46 | 22 | 19 | 5 | 49 | 125 136 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 46 | 22 | 20 | 4 | 48 | 125 140 |
| New Jersey | 46 | 18 | 21 | 7 | 43 | 137 157 |
| Philadelphia | 46 | 17 | 23 | 6 | 40 | 130 164 |

Metropolitan Division

| Western Conference | | | | | | | |
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| Pacific Division | | | | | | | |
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| Calgary | 47 | 30 <td>13</td> <td>4</td> <td>64</td> <td>173</td> <td>139</td> | 13 | 4 | 64 | 173 | 139 |
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Western Conference

each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Monday's games
New Jersey 8, Chicago 5

Pacific Division

Philadelphia 7, Minnesota 4
St. Louis 4, Washington 1
Montreal 3, Boston 2, OT
Edmonton 7, Buffalo 2

Tuesday's games

Columbus 4, New Jersey 1
N.Y. Islanders 2, St. Louis 1, OT
N.Y. Rangers 6, Carolina 2
Montreal 5, Florida 1
Detroit 3, Anaheim 1
Nashville 7, Washington 2
Minnesota 3, Los Angeles 2, SO
Winnipeg 4, Vegas 1
Tampa Bay 2, Dallas 0

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Monday's games

New Jersey 5, Chicago 5
Colorado 6, Toronto 3
Philadelphia 7, Minnesota 4
St. Louis 4, Washington 1
Montreal 3, Boston 2, OT
Edmonton 7, Buffalo 2

Tuesday's games

Columbus 4, New Jersey 1
N.Y. Islanders 2, St. Louis 1, OT
N.Y. Rangers 6, Carolina 2
Montreal 5, Florida 1

Wednesday's games

San Jose 2, Dallas 0
Colorado 5, Pittsburgh 2
Boston at Philadelphia
Pittsburgh at Vancouver
San Jose at Arizona

Thursday's games

St. Louis at Boston
New Jersey vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum
Pittsburgh at Minnesota

Friday's games

Montreal at Nashville
Detroit at Carolina
Pittsburgh at Washington
Detroit at Calgary
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Pittsburgh at Arizona



TONY AVELLAN/AP

Sharks center Tomas Hertl, right, is checked into the boards by Pittsburgh Penguins left wing Jake Guentzel during the first period of Tuesday's game in San Jose, Calif. The Sharks won 5-2.

Islanders 2, Blues 1 (OT)

St. Louis 0, N.Y. Islanders 1 (OT)

First Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Eberle 1 (Lee, 8:43).

Second Period—2, St. Louis, Perron 17 (O'Reilly, Bouwmeester), Filppula 6 (Bern, Lehtonen), 14:22, 6, Montreal, 16:53 (Tatar, Byron), 16:53.

Third Period—5, Montreal, Kotkanmaki 6 (Bern, Lehtonen), 14:22, 6, Montreal, 16:53 (Tatar, Byron), 16:53.

Fourth Period—5, Montreal, Kotkanmaki 6 (Bern, Lehtonen), 14:22, 6, Montreal, 16:53 (Tatar, Byron), 16:53.

Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 16-16-21-53.

Power-play opportunities—Florida 0 of 4, Montreal 0 of 3.

Goals—Florida, Reimer 8-8-5 (27 shots-23 saves), Montreal, Niemi 8-4-1 (53-52).

A—20,576 (21,288), T—2:35.

Red Wings 3, Ducks 1

Anaheim 0, Detroit 1 (OT)

Second Period—1, Anaheim, Rakell 7 (Getzlaf, Ritchie), 12:03 (pp).

Third Period—3, Detroit, Mantha 11 (Athanasios, Larkin), 5:25, 3, Detroit, 19:21 (DeKeyser, Vaneke), 15:44, 4, Detroit, 19:21 (DeKeyser), 17:27.

Shots on Goal—Anaheim 9-7-8-24.

Power-play opportunities—Anaheim 1 of 2; Detroit 0 of 6.

Goals—Anaheim, Gibson 15-15-8 (25 shots-22 saves), Detroit, Howard 13-12-5 (24-23).

A—19,515 (20,000), T—2:25.

Blue Jackets 4, Devils 1

New Jersey 0, Columbus 1 (OT)

First Period—1, Columbus, Atkinson 17 (Panarin, Wernskey), 1:45 (pp), 5, Columbus, Coleman 17 (Lowe, Mueller), 18:24.

Shots on Goal—New Jersey 13-9-8-30.

Power-play opportunities—New Jersey 0 of 2; Columbus 1 of 3.

Goals—New Jersey, Kinkaid 13-14-6 (34 shots-30 saves), Columbus, Korpisalo 9-2-2 (30-29).

A—16,377 (18,500), T—2:25.

Predators 7, Capitals 2

Washington 0, Nashville 1 (OT)

First Period—1, Nashville, Arvidsson 15 (Hartman, Forsberg), 3:45, 2, Nashville, Bonino 10 (Watson, Stutzman), 10:33.

Second Period—3, Nashville, Arvidsson 17 (Hartman, Forsberg), 12:1, 4, Washington, Backstrom 12 (Carlson, Ovechkin), 17:27 (pp).

Third Period—12, Nashville, Bonino 17 (Hartman), 12:08 (sh), 6, Nashville, Grimaldi 4, 14:57, 7, Nashville, Bonino 11 (Hartman, Forsberg), 15:29.

Fourth Period—5, Nashville, Jarmark 8 (Faria), 7:56, 5, Washington, Oshie 14 (Vrana, Kuznetsov), 16:11.

Shots on Goal—Nashville 8-10-10-28.

Power-play opportunities—Washington 0 of 2; Nashville 0 of 2.

Goals—Washington, Coppy 14-13-6 (28 shots-24 saves), San Jose, Jones 11-5-1 (28-26).

A—17,336 (17,113), T—2:33.

Sharks 5, Penguins 2

Pittsburgh 0, San Jose 1 (OT)

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Dumoulin 10:17, 2, San Jose, Sorenson 9 (Dillon, Eklund), 12:00, 3, San Jose, Hertz 17 (Gullon, Kano), 14:05.

Second Period—4, San Jose, Thornton 16 (Bratt, Korpisalo), 1:26, 6, Pittsburgh, Brassard 8 (Rust, Pearson), 18:10, 7, San Jose, Hertz 17 (Gullon, Kano), 14:05.

Third Period—5, San Jose, Hertz 18 (Bratt, Korpisalo), 1:26, 6, Pittsburgh, Brassard 8 (Rust, Pearson), 18:10, 7, San Jose, Hertz 17 (Gullon, Kano), 14:05.

Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 7-9-9-24.

Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 0 of 2; San Jose 0 of 2.

Goals—Pittsburgh, Murray 13-6-1 (26 shots-24 saves), San Jose, Jones 11-5-1 (28-26).

A—17,292 (17,562), T—2:21.

Roundup

Filppula's OT goal lifts surging Isles

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Even when they aren't playing great, the New York Islanders are managing to keep winning.

Valtteri Filppula scored 1-37 into overtime and the Islanders beat the St. Louis Blues 2-1 Tuesday night for their 12th win in 15 games.

"When we needed a big play, a block or a save, we had that," New York coach Barry Trotz said. "And that allows us to survive those moments when we're not at our best."

Jordan Eberle had a goal in the first period for New York, and Robin Lehner stopped 30 shots.

"It wasn't pretty, but we found a way," Eberle said. "[Lehner] was the reason we won tonight. He was seeing the puck well. He made a lot of big saves, kept us in it."

David Perron scored the tying goal in the third period for the Blues, and Jordan Binnington making his fourth straight start and fourth of his career — finished with 23 saves. St. Louis had won three straight and five of its previous seven.

"We fought back, that was a tight game," St. Louis' Alex Pietrangolo said. "There wasn't a whole lot of playmaking on either side. Those are the ones we just got to get points right now."

On the winner, Filppula jumped on the ice on a line change, got a pass from Mathew Barzal and skated in on Binnington before beating him from the right side for his 10th.

"It was a good (line) change, we got a 2-on-1 right away and just thought I'd try to shoot it," Filppula said. "I was happy to see the puck go in."

Blue Jackets 4, Devils 1: Joonas Korpisalo had 29 saves and three Columbus players recorded a goal and an assist in the win over visiting New Jersey.

Artemi Panarin, Pierre-Luc Dubois and Cam Atkinson carried the offensive load, and Boone Jenner also scored as Columbus won its fourth straight. The Blue Jackets have won six of their last eight games and 11 of the last 14 while sparring with Washington and Pittsburgh atop the Metropolitan Division.

Rangers 6, Hurricanes 2: Mika Zibanejad had two goals and two assists to lead host New York past Carolina.

Pavel Buchnevich and Tony DeAngelis each scored twice and Mats Zuccarello added three assists as the Rangers won for only the second time in eight games.

Henrik Lundqvist made 34 saves for his 444th win, one behind Terry Sawchuk for sixth place on the NHL's career list.

Canadiens 5, Panthers 1: Antti Niemi broke a tie with 4:16 left and Darren Helm scored a little later, lifting host Detroit and extending Anaheim's franchise-record losing streak to 12 games.

Niemi lifted his stick at the left side of the net and tipped in Danny DeKeyser's shot from the slot. Helm's goal with 2:33 remaining gave the Red Wings a two-goal cushion.

Predators 7, Capitals 2: Viktor Arvidsson had his second career hat trick and host Nashville routed Washington to snap a two-game skid.

Nick Bonino scored twice, and Rocco Grimaldi and Calle Jankirok each added a goal as 12 players contributed at least one point for the Predators. They set a season high for goals, topping the six they scored Dec. 31 in a win at Washington, the defending Stanley Cup champion.

Lightning 2, Stars 0: Jason Zucker scored in a shootout for the first time in his career to lift host Minnesota over Los Angeles.

It was Zucker's first shootout goal in five tries. He was the only shooter for either team to convert.

Jets 4, Golden Knights 1: Kyle Connor had two goals and an assist as host Winnipeg beat Vegas.

Connor scored short-handed and into an empty net. Mathieu Perreault had a goal and Mark Scheifele also scored into an empty net for Winnipeg. Scheifele contributed a pass.

Lightning 2, Stars 0: Andrei Vasilevsky stopped 35 shots for his second shutout in a week, Ondrej Palat and Mikhail Sergachev scored and visiting Tampa Bay blanked Dallas.

Vasilevsky improved to 10-3 since his return from injury, posting his third shutout this season and 15th of his career for the Lightning, who have an NHL-best 74 points.

Sharks 5, Penguins 2: Tomas Hertl scored three goals and Joe Thornton celebrated his 1,000th game for San Jose by adding another goal in his seventh straight game, a victory over visiting Pittsburgh.

Marcus Sorenson also scored and the Sharks improved to 16-3-2 in their past 21 games with a convincing victory over the dangerous Penguins. Martin Jones made 22 saves to the his career best by winning his eighth straight start.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Youth movement

Americans Tiafoe, Fritz upset seeded players

By HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Frances Tiafoe rolled up his white shirt's right sleeve, flexed his biceps and slapped the muscle five times. Then he pounded his chest and yelled, "Yeah! Let's go! Let's go! Come on!"

Forgive the young American's exuberance. This was, after all, the biggest victory of his nascent career.

Down a set and 3-0 in the second, the 20-year-old Tiafoe came back to stun two-time Grand Slam finalist and No. 5 seed Kevin Anderson of South Africa 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5 on Wednesday in the Australian Open's second round.

"I went to a different place. I dug insanely deep," the 39th-ranked Tiafoe said. "It's all about competing. Guys are so good. It's just about how badly you want it. I want it real bad."

He was joined in the third round by another kid from the U.S. who'd never been that far at Melbourne Park, 21-year-old Taylor Fritz, who saved 12 of the 13 break points he faced while dispatching No. 30 seed Gael Monfilis of France 6-3, 6-7 (8), 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5).

Next for Fritz is a matchup against Roger Federer, the two-time defending champion in Australia and owner of 20 Grand Slam titles.

"I grew up watching a lot of the guys I play today. I can't tell you how many times I watched Monfilis' highlight reel on YouTube, just growing up. 'Fed,' obviously, my whole life growing up, he was always the best, winning everything," Fritz said. "So it's really cool being able to step on the court with him again."

A day after American men went 1-5, the country's contingent produced those two upsets and threw a couple of scares into other seeded players, too, but couldn't pull off the wins.

Mackenzie McDonald pushed No. 6 Marin Cilic before losing 7-5, 6-7 (9), 6-4, 6-4, and Denis Kudla went to a fifth set before bowing out 6-4, 7-5, 3-6, 6-7 (6), 6-4

against No. 18 Diego Schwartzman. Reilly Opelka, a 21-year-old who eliminated No. 9 John Isner in an all-U.S. first-round showdown, held a 67-2 ace advantage — and a 15-inch height advantage — against Thomas Fabbiano but lost to the Italian 6-7 (15), 6-2, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (5).

"This group (of Americans) really deserves the hype, I guess, because I think everyone's good," Fritz said.

Cilic was the 2014 U.S. Open champion and the runner-up at Melbourne Park to Federer last year. Against McDonald, an NCAA champion in singles and doubles at UCLA who is 23 years old and ranked 81st, Cilic delivered 25 aces, including on each of the last two points.

"It was a much tougher match than I expected," Cilic said. "I didn't know much about him."

For Tiafoe, it helped that Anderson's best attribute, his intimidating serve, slowed down along the way because of problems with his right arm. Anderson was repeatedly visited by a trainer during changeovers and he lost pace on his first serves as the match wore on.

Anderson was the runner-up at Wimbledon last year and at the U.S. Open in 2017 and had won all three previous matchups against Tiafoe.

But Tiafoe ended a six-match losing streak against top-10 opponents and is now into the third round at a major for the second time, equaling his best showing.

"These are the matches where they kind of define you and help you feel more and more comfortable to keep winning matches like that," Tiafoe said. "So, yeah, I'm definitely going to remember this one."

Federer, seeking a record seventh Australian Open title and third in a row, beat Dan Evans 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3), 6-3, and 2009 champion Rafael Nadal set a last-round showdown against 19-year-old Australian Alex de Minaur with a straight-set victory of his own.

"I couldn't pull away early in the match," said Federer, who actually was two points from dropping the opening set.

The defending women's champion, Car-



ANDY BROWNELL/AP

American Frances Tiafoe celebrates after defeating No. 5 Kevin Anderson in their second-round match at the Australian Open on Wednesday in Melbourne, Australia.

oline Wozniacki, also advanced in straight sets, beating Johanna Larsson 6-1, 6-3, and faces Maria Sharapova next. Sharapova, whose five major titles include the 2008 Australian Open, beat 64th-ranked Rebecca Peterson 6-2, 6-1 in Wednesday's last match.

Three-time major champion Angelique Kerber moved on with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over qualifier Beatriz Haddad Maia. No. 5 Sloane Stephens opened the day in Rod Laver Arena with a 6-3, 6-1 victory over her junior doubles partner Timea Babos.

Stephens, the 2017 U.S. Open champion, reached the third round of the Australian

Open for the first time since 2014.

"I'm kind of conquering all the places where I've been terrible," Stephens said.

Four seeded women were sent home, including No. 24 Lesia Tsurenko, a 6-0, 6-2 loser against 17-year-old American Amanda Anisimova. No. 9 Kiki Bertens, No. 20 Anett Kontaveit and No. 29 Donna Vekic also exited. Vekic lost 6-4, 4-6, 6-1 to Kimberly Birrell, a 20-year-old Australian ranked 240th who got into the field as a wild card.

"It is so surreal," Birrell said. "That was just such a blur. I got to play against 'It's crazy.'"

Bryan's return to doubles could give Murray hope

By HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

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Bob Bryan, left, and Mike Bryan played their first match together since Bob underwent hip surgery last year, winning 7-6 (4), 7-6 (1) against Alex Bolt and Marc Polmans on Wednesday.

MELBOURNE, Australia — Bob Bryan was four months removed from hip replacement surgery when he joined his twin, Mike, for practice sessions in December in the hopes of reuniting the most successful men's doubles team of tennis' professional era. It felt, Bob jokes now, like some sort of addition to earn back his old role after Mike had won two Grand Slam titles with another partner while his brother was sidelined.

On Wednesday at the Australian Open, the Bryans returned to the Grand Slam stage as a team with a significant first victory — one that was significant for Bob, of course, and for his sibling, naturally, but also, perhaps, for Andy Murray, who is considering whether to have the same sort of operation.

"He's been watching me like a hawk, asking me how I'm feeling after matches, after practices,

'He's been watching me like a hawk, asking me how I'm feeling after matches...'

Bob Bryan

On singles star Andy Murray

where I'm at. He's just trying to gauge how long it would take him, if this procedure is an option," Bob said about Murray, a three-time major champion who said he will decide soon whether to try surgery for his own painful hip.

"I'm just trying to be supportive. I never once told him, 'This is the way to go,' because I do see that singles is a different monster. Those guys are really sliding around, killing themselves for four hours," Bob continued. "Who knows if this joint would hold up?"

So far, so good for Bob, whose first match back at a major was a 7-6 (4), 7-6 (1) win against the Australian duo of Alex Bolt and Marc Polmans.

"Super excited for this moment, to walk out on a court in a Slam. It felt kind of like right where we left off. This guy has worked extremely hard. He's bringing a very high level," said Mike, who won championships at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open with Jack Sock while his twin was out. "He's quick. His serve's back. He's got it all. I'm pretty stoked to look over in the deuce court and see this guy back. I can see that he really wanted it. This is the way we want to go out. We want to play together, give it one last run."

The 40-year-old Americans have won a record 16 Grand Slam trophies as a duo, six at Melbourne Park, and more than 100 titles together. They have spent hundreds of weeks ranked No. 1 in doubles.

But Bob was forced off the tour in May because of the deteriora-

tion of his hip.

At first, he tried to get by with rehabilitation and remedies such as stem-cell injections. When it was clear that wouldn't solve the issue, he went under the knife in early August, getting what he said was hip resurfacing with a metal implant.

Within days, he was on crutches. Within weeks, walking with a cane. Within less than two months, lightly hitting tennis balls.

"Yeah, I was a little slow. I was probably only about 60 percent where I am now. He was giving me a little bit of [ribbing]," Bob said about Mike. "He was supportive, but [also said], 'We can't go down there like this. You're not ready.'"

Mike confirmed: "I pushed." It sure seemed to pay off Wednesday, and Bob figured that's a good sign for Murray.

"Look, no one's ever come back with this surgery on the singles court. I'm showing that it can be done in doubles," Bob said.

NFL PLAYOFFS



Running backs Todd Gurley, left, and C.J. Anderson, right, were a dynamic tandem in the Los Angeles Rams' 30-22 victory over the Dallas Cowboys in the NFC divisional playoffs. Anderson rushed for 123 yards and two touchdowns, while Gurley added 115 yards and another score.



AP photos

Gurley, Anderson form potent force for Rams

By GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Todd Gurley never had a true running partner during his first four regular seasons with the Los Angeles Rams.

The superstar running back took most of the carries and grinded out most of the tough yards while his backups played only sparingly.

When he suited up with C.J. Anderson for the first time last weekend during the Rams' divisional playoff win over Dallas, Gurley truly shared the big carries for one of the first times in his NFL career.

As the New Orleans Saints have already noticed, the tandem was pretty much unstoppable.

"I guess it was a good thing I got hurt," Gurley said with a laugh.

Gurley's knee injury last month led the Rams to sign Anderson, a six-year veteran who had been released by three NFL teams in the previous eight months. Anderson hit the ground running with 299 yards in the Rams' final two regular-season victories while Gurley sat out.

When Gurley and Anderson suited up together against the Cowboys, their contrasting styles and similar relentlessness made history. Anderson went for 123 yards and two touchdowns, while



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Gurley rushed for 115 yards and another score as they propelled the Rams to a franchise playoff-record 273 yards rushing and on to the NFC championship game on Sunday.

The Saints have already watched film of this partnership's debut, and they know what's coming to the Superdome.

"Being able to split time with [Anderson] and Gurley, it does good things for them," Saints linebacker A.J. Klein said. "It gets Gurley some rest and gets him some carries, and vice versa. It keeps them fresh. And obviously you can tell when they're running the ball, they're not tired. They're fresh and they're running hard."

The Rams' dynamic duo presents a remarkable contrast at the position.

Gurley is a powerful, majestic runner capable of injuring would-

be tacklers as easily as breaking past safeties for a length-of-the-field TD sprint.

Anderson is 5-foot-8 and a self-described "fat kid running." While he hits holes and linebackers ferociously, he isn't planning to break away from any defensive backs anytime soon.

"From the 40 in. That's it," he said Sunday when asked to imagine his longest possible TD run. "Can't go 70. Todd can go 70, 80 if he wants to. Me, from the 40 in. man. When they say the 40 at the combine matters, that's where it matters."

Gurley and Anderson present a stark contrast in running styles, but they already looked like good teammates against the Cowboys. Gurley and Anderson largely substituted themselves, each waving the other on or off the field, depending on whether they were tired, or felt they had the metaphorical hot hand.

Gurley also points out the obvious: Even with this fascinating tailback tandem, the Rams run the ball well because of their powerful offensive line.

"When we dominate at the line of scrimmage, nine times out of 10, we're going to win," Gurley said. "They always give the running backs the credit, but you see what those guys did. You see who led this team to a victory."

AP Sports Writer Brett Martel in New Orleans contributed to this report.

Gears: Patriots can't just rely on Brady's arm

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in these types of games," Brady said. "It's too tough against too many good teams. You get to this point and there's very little margin of error and you're going to have to be good in all phases. Running it, throwing it, kicking it, playing defense, everything. We'll have to do it again."

Sony Michel scored three touchdowns and rushed for 129 yards against the Chargers. The three scores were the most ever by a Patriots rookie in a playoff game.

Michel's backfield mates were equally active. Rex Burkhead added a 6-yard TD run and James White's 15 catches tied Darren Sproles for the most receptions in a single game in NFL playoff history.

They had a season-best four rushing touchdowns. The 155 rushing yards also marked the Patriots' fifth time with 130 or more yards since their bye week. New England has not lost a game this season when rushing for 100 or more yards as a team.

"It's all about trust and patience," Michel said. "We've got faith that coach is going to call the best play possible for us to succeed and guys are going to take pride in executing the play — the offensive line, the receivers, everybody is going to do their job, and it's our job to do our job."

Like the Patriots, Kansas City has a steady presence setting the tone in veteran coach Andy Reid, but the Chiefs also have a second-year quarterback in Patrick Mahomes, who has been mostly unflappable throughout a season in which he's a favorite



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to win MVP as a first-time, full-time starter.

After trailing big during their Week 6 matchup with the Patriots, Mahomes brought the Chiefs back and tied the game late. It took a field goal by Stephen Gostkowski as time expired for New England to pull out a 43-40 win in Foxborough.

While Brady threw for 340 yards and a touchdown in that game, he hasn't fared well on the road against the Chiefs. He has just a 1-2 record with three touchdown passes and six interceptions in three games at Arrowhead Stadium.

This will be Brady's first playoff game in Kansas City.

White said their task this week is not to overthink how to translate their success on the road.

"Just execute for four quarters, start fast, just play Patriot football," he said. "It doesn't matter what we did during the regular season. This is going to be a battle of what we do on next Sunday. We've just got to put our best foot forward and play Patriot football. That's all we have to do."



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Patriots running back Rex Burkhead heads toward the end zone for a touchdown during Sunday's divisional playoff against the Los Angeles Chargers in Foxborough, Mass.

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Patriots running back Sony Michel breaks free against the Chargers on Sunday in Foxborough, Mass.

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Patriots QB Tom Brady
CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Shifting gears

Pats switch emphasis to running game

By KYLE HIGHTOWER
Associated Press

This much is clear about the Patriots' latest run to the AFC championship game: It's come with a lot of introspection and reinvention on offense.

Gone are the days in which New England can just bank on Tom Brady piling up four-touchdown games on a weekly basis or simply toss the ball in Rob Gronkowski's orbit in crunch time and expect great things to happen.

Brady, while not showing accelerated signs of decline at 41, did look more human during his 19th NFL season with only one four-touchdown game and 11 interceptions — his most picks since 2013 (11).

Gronk isn't as old as Brady, but he's certainly more beaten up and playing with a body that after multiple injuries and surgeries had him seriously thinking about retirement after last season's Super Bowl loss.

Following a regular season that saw New England lose five games — its most losses since 2009 (six) — Bill Belichick

recognized the need for this team to lean even more on its collective offensive strength.

The result has been a team that has rediscovered its ability to run the football and wear teams down. New England did it successfully in Sunday's 41-28 divisional-round win over the Los Angeles Chargers. It will be needed again for New England to upend a youth-led Kansas City Chiefs team in the AFC title game.

"You can't get one-dimensional

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